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The Jackets face off against ACC rival Virginia this weekend. How will they fare?

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**E**xtrême: Students enjoy a round of laughs delivered by a comedian last Friday night at Ramblin' Nights: Extreme Nights. Other students took time out to make wax hands.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

## BME program poised for accreditation

By Nikhil Joshi  
Contributing Writer

Representatives from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) indicated last week that the undergraduate degree program in Biomedical Engineering meets the organization's standards.

Chair for Undergraduate Affairs Paul Benkeser said that the program is likely to be accredited in July, when Tech's Biomedical Engineering Society will present its case to the Engineering Accreditation Commission, a division of ABET.

"There are no factors that would negatively affect our chances of getting accredited," Benkeser said. "We are fairly certain that ABET will grant accreditation."

According to Director of Learning Sciences and Research Wendy Newstetter, the accreditation will be beneficial to BME students. "Now students are able to say that they graduated from an accredited program," she said. "ABET is the recognized credentialing agency in the engineering disciplines, and we have met their standards."

Benkeser said, "It [accreditation] would improve the reputation of the undergraduate program. The graduate program has done very well in a small period of time, and hopefully the undergraduate program will follow the same trajectory."

Students expressed similar sentiments regarding the ABET visit.

"I would have expected no less from such a strong program," said Nemish Patel,

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## Higher costs drive CRC, SC requests

By Haining Yu  
Assistant News Editor

Another year has come, and another budget is under review by SGA. With over \$4 million requested for next year, nearly \$1 million more than the projected revenue from the Student Activity Fee, SGA is once again faced with the difficult decision of where to go with the budget and what cuts or increases to make.

Given first priority for funds, the CRC and Student Center have requested a combined amount of \$2.6 million, about 12 percent more than last year.

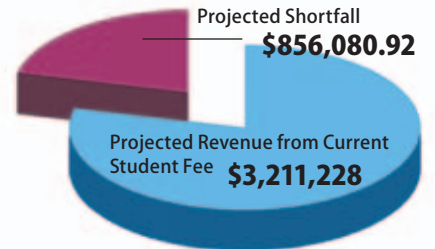
Individually, the CRC's request sits at \$1.65 million, up 10 percent from last year, while the Student Center's is \$950,000, up 15 percent from before.

Three key issues, according to CRC Director Michael Edwards, led to the CRC's increased request: "guesstimating" in the Fiscal Year 2005 (FY05) budget, student and other facility user requests for extended hours and days, and the CRC's own initiatives to improve risk management and customer service.

When the 2005 budget was being put together, CRC's Phase II was not yet complete. Thus, Edwards said, the increase needed

### FY06 SGA Budget Requests

Total Requests  
**\$4,067,308.92**



to run the facility could only be estimated from floor plans. This "guesstimating," combined with a lack of detail in the 2005 budget, led to the discovery of many gaps in the allocation.

According to Joint Finance Committee Chair David An-

dersen, in the past, "The CRC's budget was not as detailed as SGA would have liked. There was some difficulty discerning how CRC funds were being allocated." With a different finan-

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## One Night Stand registration open

Registration for Ramblin' Nights CRC One Night Stand is open from now to Dec. 3. Organized by FreShGA, the event, free for all Tech students, offers food, drinks and sporting events with prizes for the winners. The rock wall, water slide, lazy river and hot tub will be open all night long as well.

Registration is first-come, first-serve, and the first 500 people to register will receive a free T-shirt.

## 'Nique on hiatus until January

This week's issue is the last issue of the *Technique* this semester. Printing resumes Jan. 21. Be sure to check out the annual To Hell With Georgia issue Tuesday, Nov. 23.



## Regaining momentum

Four years ago, plans surfaced for an undergraduate learning center. Lack of state funding put the project on hold, but a recent push may put the center back on the front burner.

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By Raymond Chafin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

## Tech Square wins land use award

By Alexandra Pajak  
Contributing Writer

The Urban Land Institute (ULI) awarded Technology Square a 2004 Award for Excellence.

Opened in Fall 2003, Technology Square is home to the Georgia Tech Conference Center and Hotel, the Barnes & Noble bookstore, the College of Management and the Global Learning and Conference Center. Several restaurants and retail stores are also part of Technology Square.

Formed in 1936, ULI is a non-profit land and real estate development organization. ULI has awarded Awards for Excellence annually for the past twenty-five years, according to its home page, [www.uli.org](http://www.uli.org).

Only 10 other locations received the 2004 Awards for Excellence. The prize was

awarded based on an assessment of potential for future financial growth, the space's relationship with land and the surrounding community, the general layout, leadership, enhancement of the environment, and the applicability of the construction to current issues.

According to a press release on [www.gatech.edu](http://www.gatech.edu), the award is considered the land use industry's most prestigious recognition program.

Based in Washington D.C. but not affiliated with any political party, ULI aims to improve traffic conditions, quality of life for community members, and the involvement of citizens in urban planning.

Tech constructed Technology Square on the eastern side of the I-75/85 freeway in an effort to improve the urban surroundings

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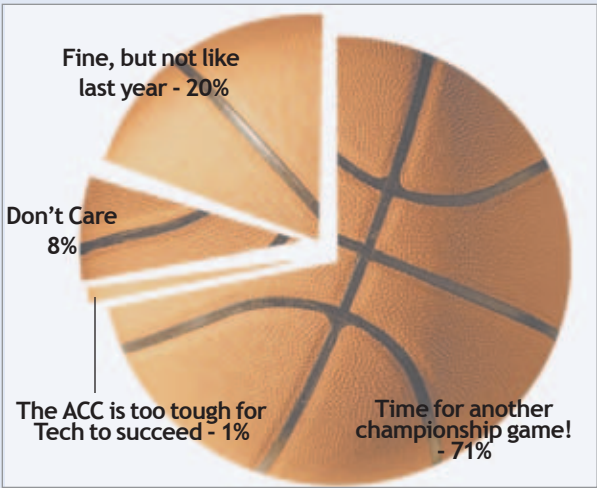
By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Technology Square reaches out to Midtown, "bridging the divide," according to Institute President Wayne Clough.



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Last issue's question received 206 responses.  
How will the basketball team do this year?



By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:  
Is an innovative learning center worthwhile?  
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Controlled substances

11/15/2004 1:30:00 hrs.  
Location: Smith Residence Hall  
Incident: Offender arrested for possession of marijuana.

Fire

11/12/2004 22:13:00 hrs.  
Location: College of Computing  
Incident: Report of an electrical fire.

11/15/2004 10:44:00 hrs.  
Location: Woodruff North  
Incident: Report of a kitchen fire.

From the files of the GTPD...  
Crime Reports

Theft

11/14/2004 12:56:00 hrs.  
Location: Woodruff lot  
Incident: Report that a blue 1991 Ford Mustang was entered and items were taken.

11/4/2004 15:00:00 hrs.

Location: Tech Square deck  
Incident: Report that a black 1995 Honda Civic was entered and items were taken.

11/15/2004 11:47:00 hrs.

Location: Housing warehouse  
Incident: Report of a theft or lost/mislaidd cell phone.

11/5/2004 17:59:00 hrs.

Location: TKE house  
Incident: Report of a stolen cell phone.

DUI

11/12/2004 2:55:00 hrs.  
Location: North Ave. @ Tech Pkwy  
Incident: Offender arrested for driving under the influence.

Damage to property

11/15/2004 10:27:00 hrs.  
Location: Eighth St. south lobby area  
Incident: Report of a broken flower pot.

Traffic accident

11/15/2004 14:57:00 hrs.  
Location: Woodruff parking lot  
Incident: Report of a hit and run accident (no injuries reported).

11/15/2004 17:59:00 hrs.

Location: 831 Techwood Dr.  
Incident: Report of a hit and run accident (no injuries reported).

BME from page 1

first-year BME major. "The results of the ABET visit reinforce the already established reputation of the department."  
"The likely accreditation of the BME program is great news," said Caroline Castellino, second-year BME major. "Not only is it ranked highly, but now it will be nationally recognized."  
After the BME department had its first class graduate last spring, the accreditation process could begin. During the summer, the department sent a self-study document to ABET which detailed its argument for ac-

creditation. From Nov. 7 through Nov. 9, ABET sent two representatives, a faculty member from Tulane University and a practicing professional in the field, to visit the campus and evaluate how successfully the department had met requirements for accreditation.  
The representatives examined facilities, talked to administrators, met with faculty and students and reviewed student work. Upon leaving, they submitted an exit report to the Provost. The BME department will be given 30 days to respond to the final version of this report, which it will receive in December. The exit report stated that the department had satisfied all the general and

specific criteria for accreditation of the program; however, it also contained concerns.

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Director of Learning Sciences and Research

Benkeser said, "There were two major concerns—how the program could manage the large and growing number of students with the

existing advisement structure, and whether or not the BME department is working closely enough with other departments to monitor its students' performance in courses outside of the department." Yet these concerns, Benkeser said, do not jeopardize the department's chances for accreditation; they represent issues that may need to be addressed at some point in the future. Still, he said, the department "has made plans to address these concerns by Jan. 1."  
Faculty and students both indicated that the accreditation would be a step forward in the promotion and recognition of the undergraduate program.  
"I think that accreditation will

greatly benefit the program," said Ajay Patel, first-year BME major. "In order to promote it, it is important that it complies with national standards."  
"Georgia Tech is ranked in the top ten for its graduate and undergraduate BME programs," Newstetter said.  
"With accreditation, these rankings could go up," she said. We would like very much to be number one... The process of accreditation is a major hurdle for a young department to get over. Now that it has been passed, we can move forward and continue to be innovative and to prepare our students for their careers after graduation."

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# Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

## Graduate Student Senate

# Grads charter four new student clubs

By Stephen Baehl  
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate chartered a slate of new clubs in its meeting Tuesday in addition to passing four conference committee bills and considering three new allocation requests.

The four new clubs chartered were the Psychology Club, the Bhakti Yoga Club, a student chapter of the Optical Society of America and the Wreck Racing Club.

There was little discussion on the charters. Joint Campus Organizations Committee Chair Ed Greco said the only possible concern arising from any of the four was the racing club's lack of insurance. However, he said, Institute policy does not currently require insurance. Greco added, however, that obtaining insurance was highly recommended for the club, which rebuilds old cars and races them against other teams.

Also on the graduates' long list of bills to consider was a cluster of conference committee bills—each was passed with little to no discussion.

The first of the allocation bills to be considered was a request from the Mock Trial team for money to

## Bills passed

- Joint allocation to Mock Trial Club
- Joint allocation to FreShGA: Ramblin' Nights' One Night Stand
- Joint chartering of Wreck Racing Club
- Joint chartering of Psychology Club
- Joint chartering of Bhakti Yoga Club
- Joint chartering of Optical Society of America Student Chapter
- Joint allocation to RHA (conf.)
- Joint allocation to Cycling Club (conf.)
- Joint allocation to Yellow Jacket Fencing (conf.)
- Joint allocation to iMovieFest (conf.)

## Bills postponed

- Joint allocation Drama Tech
- Joint chartering of Wreck Racing Club

cover travel and lodging expenses for a pair of invitational tournaments. The bill also asked for money for "case demonstratives."

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## Undergraduate House of Representatives

# UHR funds One Night Stand

By Shan Sharif  
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives passed several bills during Tuesday night's session. Among the bills was an allocation to FreShGA for the Ramblin' Nights' One Night Stand.

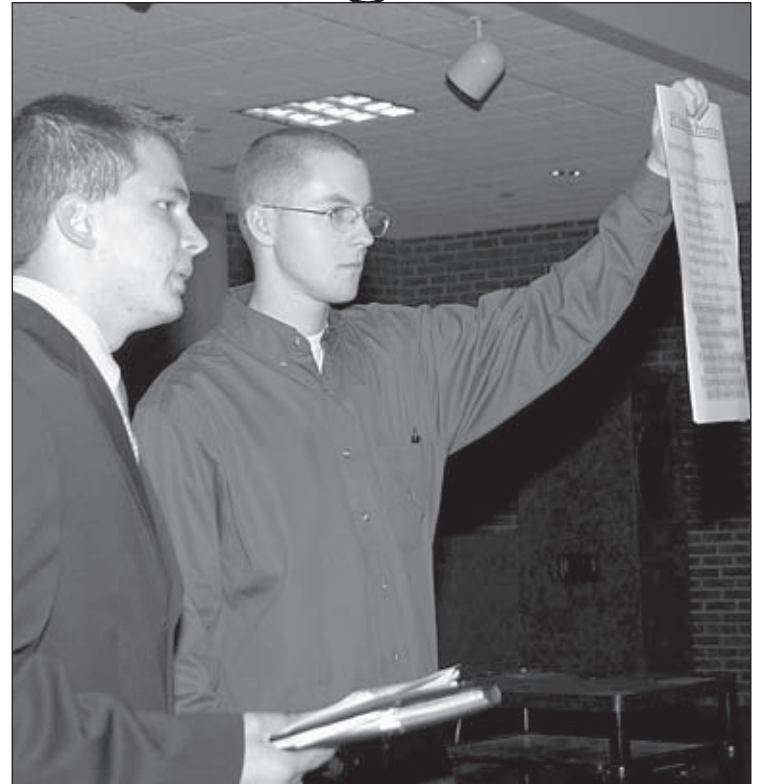
The organization's representative, Alice Luo, presented the bill. She stated that the event is well-known and that over 1,000 students attended it last year. Advertising is an important component in maintaining the same attendance this year, Luo said.

Justin Harper, chair of FreShGA spoke more about advertising. He said that One Night Stand is an established event and deserves the advertising money it requests. Harper went on to say that their bill was compliant with Joint Finance Committee policy.

However, JFC did not believe that the request complied with policy, and thus made some changes to the bill. They recommended limiting printing costs to \$35 as per JFC policy. Also, they recommended financing only two posters at \$9 each instead of four, as per JFC policy. Similar policy applies to banners, which states that only two banners at \$18 each should be funded. Finally, JFC recommended striking a request for \$100 for promotional materials such as water bottles.

There was some confusion about JFC policy. Harper cited the JFC policy listed on their website, which stated that four banners and posters each could be funded. However, according to David Andersen, JFC chair, the new policy was not yet updated on the web.

There was some debate as to whether or not the bill should be funded as requested. Some representatives believed that since the



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Justin Harper and Craig Shaw defend the FreShGA: Ramblin' Nights' One Night Stand bill at Tuesday's undergraduate house meeting.

JFC policy was not updated on the web, the organization should not be held accountable; they should receive what they requested. However, other representatives, as well as Andersen, stated that policy needed to be maintained.

"We need to be consistent with bills," Andersen said.

Some representatives agreed. They said that JFC policy exists for a reason and to be fair, the UHR must also be consistent. The final form of the bill that passed was amended as JFC recommended and allocated approximately \$800 to the event.

Another bill that was discussed extensively was an allocation to Dra-

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# OIE brings new international study programs to students

By Shardul Bhatia  
Contributing Writer

The Office of International Education (OIE) recently came up with several new study abroad programs in addition to the many already offered. Today, OIE offers over 60 different programs available to all students in all majors.

The recent additions to the semester programs are the Denmark semester program, the Cairo (Egypt) semester program, the Argentina semester program and the Sheffield (U.K.) program. Three new summer-semester programs have also been introduced: the Shanghai summer program, the Denmark summer program and the LCC program in Italy.

The China, Denmark and Italy summer programs are being offered for the first time this summer, while the program in Buenos Aires will take place in Fall 2005 for the first time.

The exchange programs with Sheffield University and with the American University in Cairo are available for the first time this year, as well.

The Cairo semester program, the Sheffield program and the Argentina semester program stand out from the

rest because they involve a full semester of study in which the students become fully immersed in the local culture. The students will be studying with the local students which will give them the opportunity to gain “true international exposure.”

According to OIE, between Fall 2003 and Summer 2004, 877 students have participated in the various

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Howard Rollins  
Director, OIE

study abroad programs offered. Out of these, 464 were from the College of Engineering, 104 from the Ivan Allen College, 101 from the College of Architecture, 77 from the College of Computing, 74 from the College of Management and 37 from the College of Sciences.

In a recent survey of first- and second-year students (447 students responded) conducted by OIE, 91

percent of the students said that they wished to study abroad.

They were also questioned on what they felt was the major barrier to study abroad.

The highest percentage indicated that they could not study abroad because there were no study abroad options that allowed them to take courses within their majors (67 percent). The second major reason was the high cost of studying abroad (61 percent).

Accordingly, Howard Rollins, director of OIE, said, “Certainly, we are adding more programs than usual this year.”

With the International Plan portion of the Quality Enhancement Plan already approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Rollins said that in a way, this recent expansion of the international programs offered to students was a sort of a precursor to the International Plan.

The International Plan offers undergraduates a coherent, degree-long undergraduate program that develops international competence in the context of the major.

The International Plan will require students to spend two terms

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cial model this year, however, SGA can “track which funds are being allocated where, down to each and every penny,” Andersen said.

Other than covering gaps from previous budgets, the requested FY06 budget allots money for the CRC to extend days and hours of operation. Money is allocated for the CRC to stay open on football game days, and selected holidays such as Labor Day. The CRC also plans to stay open until midnight on both Fridays and Saturdays.

“We’re talking about opening on six game days, we’re talking about opening on holidays when students are still on campus,” Edwards said.

Due to popular demand, the CRC also plans to extend Fitness Center hours and leisure pool and slide hours. All of this, Edwards explained, requires additional pay for CRC personnel.

From last fall to this fall, the CRC has also seen a large increase in usage, from 35,000 visits a month in September 2003 to 67,000 visits a month in September 2004.

These increases in both space and usage from last year have urged Edwards and the CRC to take the initiative to improve on member safety and service.

Both initiatives require an increase in personnel.

While most of the CRC’s budget increases are aimed towards providing increased services, the Student Center is in a more dire position with its needs.

After the completion of the Student Center Commons, the Student Center increased its operating space by 50 percent; however, their request last year for a 30 percent increase in operating costs was cut from the budget.

“Last year’s SGA was unable to fund increased operational costs,”

Andersen said, because “we felt that there weren’t enough funds available.” The cut, he said, was “only a temporary, band-aid solution... implemented during a severe budget crunch.”

But now, said Student Center Director Rich Steele, it is the Student Center that is in a budget crunch, having to run off the same operating budget for a space that is 50 percent larger.

Another important aspect of the budget request is funding aid for Tech Rec, which, according to Steele, has been steadily losing revenue for the past six to seven years. The requested SGA funding will not cover all of Tech Rec’s expenses, but rather it will make up for the revenue lost, so that Tech Rec can continue to stay afloat.

According to Steele, requests for SGA to fund Tech Rec have been denied for the past two years.

While no final decision will be made anytime soon, Steele said that the possibility of Tech Rec’s closure does exist.

When it comes to facing financial reality, college activity centers are simply not profitable, Steele said. He said he hopes, though, that something will work out for Tech Rec. “I don’t want those guys [working in Tech Rec] to feel that their jobs are in jeopardy,” he said.

According to Andersen, SGA has a similar attitude towards keeping Tech Rec.

“We realize that a large number of students use Tech Rec... We are therefore committed to working with the Student Center to find a long-term funding solution.”

SGA has not yet decided whether or not to push for a fee increase for this coming year. “We first want to hear from the students,” Andersen said.

“SGA is committed to supporting a fee increase only if we feel that the majority of students are willing to pay.

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Imma Donkey punch yo mama!

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Sparkles, you rock my face off!

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slivers

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overseas (one term of study and a second term of study, research, or internship), develop proficiency in a foreign language and take three courses involving international knowledge (including international relations, global economics, and study of a particular country or world region).

The International Plan is designed to help Tech move closer to its goal of having 50 percent of its undergraduates have an international experience before graduation.

Rollins said that “the reason for this goal is that most faculty and administration at Georgia Tech are convinced that international experience provides critical skills for living and working in the 21st century.” Thus, the introductions of these

programs come as no surprise.

Lorie Paulez, a study abroad advisor at OIE, said, “It has been our constant effort to introduce more programs for our students.”

Most new programs contribute to the variety of offerings that Tech has. For example, the LCC program in Italy offers LCC majors a new opportunity in film studies in Northern Italy. Also, the program in Buenos Aires, Argentina is a semester-long program for Industrial Engineering majors in a country where programs only for Ivan Allen majors were offered.

The final approval of the Academic Senate later this month is still necessary for the International Plan to be fully established. If approved, the International Plan will be viewed on the national and international level as an innovative new educational initiative, according to Rollins.

## UHR from page 3

maTech to finance dimmer modules. The total request was \$25,000. The organization’s representative, Adam Johnson, stated that the current dimmers were installed fifteen years ago by a company that has since gone out of business. Thus, as parts fail, there is no company to supply replacements.

DramaTech said they would not require SGA funding if a concurrent repair project could be done for free. The organization may be installing a new winch for their lighting system to replace a damaged one. However, it is possible that DramaTech may not end up paying for the new winch since the old one was improperly installed. JFC believes that if that if DramaTech does not have to pay for the other

project, they can use the money to purchase the dimmers. UHR voted to table the bill as per JFC recommendation.

Also tabled was an allocation to the bowling club for \$275 for a tournament entry fee. Chartering of the Wreck Racing Club was also tabled.

Several bills were slated together and passed. One group of bills included allocations to the Residence Hall Association, the Cycling Club,

Yellow Jacket Fencing, and iMovieFest. These bills were amended in conference committee and passed by the UHR with little discussion.

Another group of slated bills were for the chartering of the Psychology Club, the Bhakti Yoga Club, and the Optical Society of America Student Chapter. This group of bills was also passed with little discussion.

## GSS from page 3

JFC had recommended cutting the demonstratives from the bill, mistaking them for advertising posters. The items requested, though, are actually props to be used as visual aids in presenting evidence during a mock trial, according to organization representative Anthony DeCinque.

After some short discussion, the graduates decided funding the demonstratives was okay. They amended the bill per the undergraduates, who last week had decided lodging requests should not be funded, and passed it.

The next two allocation bills were postponed until next week. The first of these, a request from Drama Tech for \$25,000 from Capital Outlay, was postponed based upon another project the organization has undertaken.

The SGA bill request dealt with the purchase of replacement dimmer modules, which are necessary in the control of the lighting system in the Ferst Center theater. “Our current dimmers were installed when the building was put up...about 15 years ago,” said the organization representative.

Shortly after that, he said, the company that made the dimmers went out of business, and no replacement parts have been available for purchase since. DramaTech said they are out of spares now, as well.

However, Drama Tech has

another project that is using about \$25,000 of their own funds to deal with an incorrectly installed winch. The winch is used for storing lights and other such equipment, so that they do not take up space on the ground and are not easily knocked over and broken.

It was installed when the building

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**Pelham Norville**  
ECE senator

was being constructed, and Drama Tech said they don’t have specific records on who did the installation or funding for the item. However, they have checked with Facilities about the project, but were told there was no record of the installation.

JFC chair David Andersen said he would try to look into the matter to see who installed the original winch.

It was the opinion of JFC, and the senators agreed, that if the responsible party for the incorrect installation could be found, they should pay for the replacement. This would then free up the \$25,000 for

dimmers.

Since the bill is not time-sensitive, according to Drama Tech, the bill was postponed. “We should not leave this hanging too long,” said senator Pelham Norville. “However, I respect the recommendation of JFC.”

The other postponed bill was a request from FreShGA for it’s One Night Stand event Friday during Dead Week. The \$1,000 bill was for a share of the fees that would be incurred which included janitorial fees and advertising.

However, Greco pointed out that these costs could possibly be covered by other sources of funding, namely the \$3,000 he said the organization was getting to pay for T-shirts to be handed out to the first 500 students to register for One Night Stand. “We don’t normally fund T-shirts,” he said.

Another senator, however, pointed out that SGA is usually not privy to knowing about any clubs’ outside funding and how it will be spent. It would be unfair, he said, to base a decision on what other money was used for.

Norville said this was a special case, however, as the money is coming from the Ramblin’ Nights fund. In the end, the senators decided they wanted FreShGA to determine if the money from Ramblin’ Nights would be allowed to be put toward their custodial and advertising fees rather than T-shirts. The bill was postponed until that information could be obtained.

## Award from page 1

and enhance living conditions for both students and the surrounding community.

“This project allowed Georgia Tech to reconnect to midtown by bridging the divide created by the construction of the I-75/85 freeway,” Institute President Wayne Clough told the ULI, according to a Tech

press release.

Three city blocks which were formally nearly vacant and rarely visited by students now are home to one of the most vibrant places on Tech’s campus.

Bike lanes, benches, trees and sidewalks all make the location friendly to students and community members alike. A parking deck also welcomes visitors.

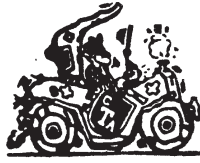
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# OPINIONS

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**Quote of the week:**  
*"To err is human—and to blame it  
 on a computer is even more so."*  
 —Robert Orben

## OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

### Marginal utility

The Student Government Association (SGA) has received budget requests totaling over \$4 million for next year, when the projected revenue from the Mandatory Student Activity Fee is nearly \$1 million less. The main source of the increase is the CRC and Student Center's combined request of \$2.6 million. The CRC has requested an additional 10 percent, bringing its total request to \$1.65 million, while the Student Center has asked for \$950,000, a 15 percent increase from last year.

Both the CRC and the Student Center have requested the additional funds for valid reasons. The CRC would like to expand its hours to include game days, more holidays and to stay open until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Student Center has requested more funds because of staffing requirements. The Student Center has had to operate 50 percent more space at its pre-expansion budget. In addition, Tech Rec faces possible foreclosure, as it has lost money over the past six to seven years and hasn't received money from SGA in two years.

Undoubtedly students would appreciate additional hours at the CRC, but it is not a request that students should support at this time. SGA needs to honor existing commitments to Tier 2 and 3 organizations before it can consider expanding amenities at the CRC.

The marginal utility of an additional dollar to the CRC or the Student Center is far lower than the marginal utility of an additional dollar to Tier 3 organizations. Given a choice between a slight expansion of the CRC's hours and keeping Tech Rec financially sound on one hand, and keeping Tier 3 organizations afloat on the other, most students would choose the latter.

### Let's get it started

Last week, administrators, including Institute President Wayne Clough and Robert McMath, met to discuss the proposed Innovative Learning Resource Center project. Once constructed, the center would serve as the home for all of the freshman science labs, tutoring services, classrooms and academic advisors. The project picked up a great deal of momentum in 2000 and 2001. Since then, progress has faltered, and the project has been brought to a standstill.

The center will greatly improve the undergraduate learning experience and bring the campus together in innumerable ways. Academic services and study areas that are today too decentralized will be combined. The Institute should throw its full and sustained support behind this important project.

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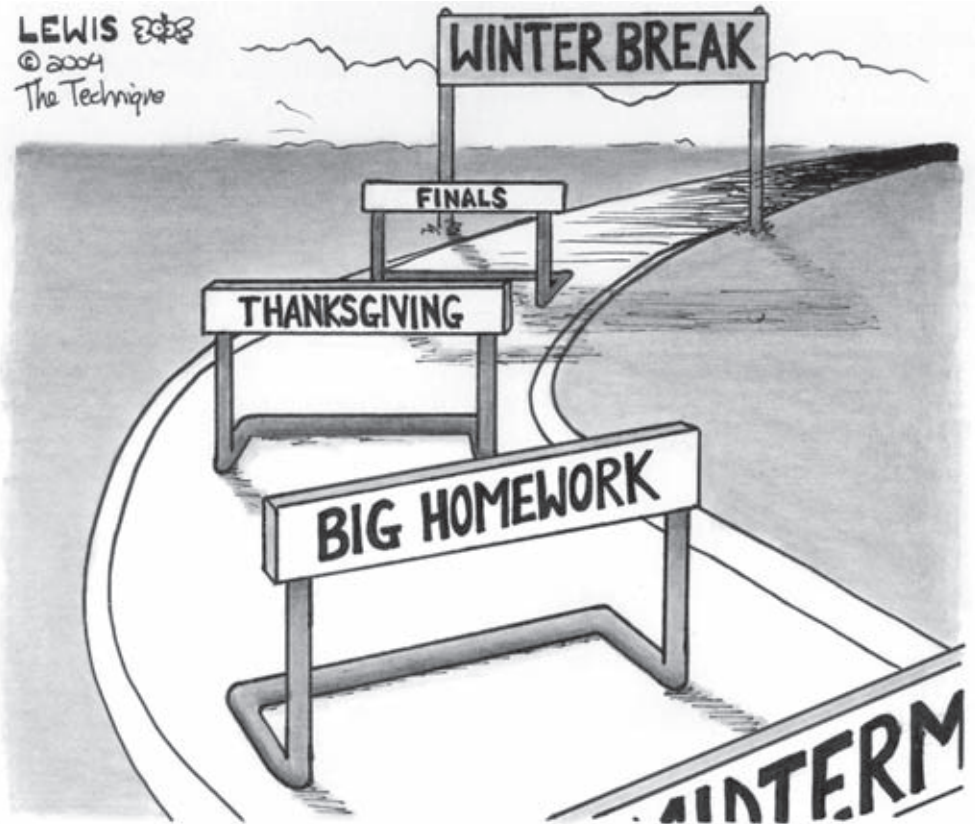
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By Brian Lewis / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

## Opinions shape college experience

*Technique* tradition dictates that editors get to have an editorial on their last issue before graduation. These swan song editorials generally aren't worth reading. Here's mine.

The first thing that every new writer wants to know when they join the *Technique* is how they can write editorials. After they realize that they have to put up with at least a year as a writer and then have to become an editor, the prospect becomes somewhat less appealing and a number even leave.

What most people don't realize, though, is that you generally only have a few strong opinions every year. You'll think you have a good topic for the editorial, but after writing it out, you realize that you only have 400 words and need another 350 to fill the space. Maybe it's me, but I go through three or four topics this way practically every time I write an editorial. It takes forever!

As a result, I really don't enjoy writing these pieces. In that, I follow a long standing tradition of online editors in this regard. In fact, Matt Flagg, my predecessor, wrote his entire swan song editorial about the different techniques he used to lengthen his editorials and how much he disliked writing them. Not only are editorials burdensome to write, but they always manage to fall on the week that big project is due. So why bother?

We the staff join the *Technique* in hopes of making a difference on campus. The difference between the feeling in the *Technique* office on deadline night and that of every other workplace is that of enthusiasm. Section editors know that they're going to be there from six in the afternoon till three in the morning, but they're still in high spirits, take pride in the work they do and feel that they're making a difference on campus.

Writing a good editorial is the easiest way to make that difference. The problem, of course, is the "good"



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**Karl Guertin**  
 Online Editor

in good editorial.

The administration—for better or for worse—considers the *Technique* one of its primary communications channels with students. Knowing this, the editorial board tries to construct a consensus opinion that we feel reflects the opinions of the Tech student body as a whole. This goes completely out the window for the editorials, and the best course of action there is to offend as many people as possible in hopes of starting a dialogue that will get something done.

I greatly prefer fixing computers and updating web pages to agonizing over the word choice in the editorial, but the latter comes closer to the initial reason for joining the paper in the first place.

Unfortunately, for this particular piece, I don't have a burning issue nor do I have enough time to write enough drafts to come up with a solid topic. This means that you, poor reader, are the victim.

The thing is, editors don't have an exclusive voice in the Opinions section. Anybody, student or faculty, can write a letter to the editor. It serves basically the same purpose as an editorial and is shorter to boot.

There is no guarantee that the letter will get published, but it's a very strong possibility. Why? Everybody else at Tech is just as busy as you are, so the *Technique* actually receives very few letters to the editor. Consider the option. I know for a fact that the editorial board would

like to have a more lively Opinions section.

Happily, this is my final editorial of my short journalistic career. In theory, I'm supposed to have gained in knowledge and wisdom while slogging my way towards a degree and this editorial would, also in theory, provide a forum for casting pearls of wit and sagacity among you plebeian swine.

In practice, I don't feel as if I've learned much of anything that would be generally useful to you, dear reader. I have only one piece of advice: the secret to happiness in school is getting eight hours of sleep every night.

That's right, eight. Every night. Same bed time and wakeup. It's doable. Try it for a week and see how much better you feel.

The other piece of advice, which was given to me, is that life at Tech is what you make of it. If you're unhappy, there are more than enough opportunities to correct the situation.

My thanks to all my friends on the *Technique* staff for putting up with my slacking and making these last two and a half years enjoyable.

My un-thanks to Marriott Food Services, Parking and cyberbuzz for making the last few years just a bit more difficult.

My roommates' last wish is to remind you that sharp knives are better, nuclear power is the future, and that "if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off."



# Majority rule doesn't equal absolute power

Last week, CNN ran a story about disgruntled Americans who, upset by the election, were emigrating in response. The reporter went so far as to interview Canadian immigration officials about that country's naturalization process.



**"Simple disappointment and unease don't provoke this kind of reaction—fear does."**

**Daniel Amick**  
Editor-in-Chief

Interesting, I thought.

Of course, I've heard some people comment that they'd leave the country if President Bush won reelection. I must admit, the thought of an extended vacation in Amsterdam had occurred to me. But I chalked these feelings up to disappointment over Kerry's loss and unease with the thought of a second Bush term.

The realization that some people might actually go through with a change of citizenship gave me pause.

"What is really going on here?" I wondered. Simple disappointment and unease don't provoke this kind of reaction—fear does. Fear of constrained civil rights, fear of action without thought, fear of an unchecked majority with a "mandate" for change.

And listening to the President's public statements so far only reinforces that fear.

"Let me put it to you this way," Bush said at a post-election press conference, "I earned capital in the campaign, political capital, and now I intend to spend it. It is

my style. That's what happened... after the 2000 election, I earned some capital. I've earned capital in this election."

When a reporter tried to ask a follow-up question, Bush cut him off, retorting, only half-joking, "Obviously, you didn't listen to the will of the people."

Only President Bush could come out of the 2000 election feeling he had earned political capital. After a more clear-cut victory in 2004, who can say how he will try to exercise his mandate?

This winner-take-all mentality doesn't exist solely at the national level. We see it everywhere. Organizations right here at Tech claim a right to action because they represent a majority, because they represent the will of the people. This is a dangerous mindset, a mindset that philosophers and writers have warned against for millennia.

In the *Federalist No. 51*, James

Madison wrote, "It is of great importance in a republic, not only to guard the society against the oppression of its rulers, but to guard one part of the society against the injustice of the other part."

He continued, "In a society, under the forms of which the stronger faction can readily unite and oppress the weaker, anarchy may as truly be said to reign as in a state of nature, where the weaker individual is not secured against the violence of the stronger..."

In ages past, the majority destroyed its opposition. The Athenian democracy, for example, persecuted and killed Socrates for expressing unpopular beliefs.

But forms of repression and persecution are different today than they were in ancient Greece, as Alexis de Tocqueville pointed out in 1823 in *Democracy in America*.

In America, he said, the

force of the majority opinion is more powerful than any kind of censorship, propaganda or physical threat.

"The master no longer says: 'You shall think as I do or you shall die'; but he says: 'You are free to think differently from me and to retain your life, your property, and all that you possess; but you are henceforth a stranger among your people.'

"You may retain your civil rights, but they will be useless to you, for you will never be chosen by your fellow citizens if you solicit their votes; and they will affect to scorn you if you ask for their esteem."

"You will remain among men, but you will be deprived of the rights of mankind. Your fellow creatures will shun you like an impure being; and even those who believe in your innocence will abandon you, lest they should be shunned in their turn. Go in peace! I have given you your life, but it is an existence worse than death."

The issue that worries me (and, I think, those who are fleeing to Canada) is not whether the majority is, in the end, right or wrong. The issue is whether we can ask that question at all. When people get it into their heads that the majority has spoken, and the conversation is over, I start heading for the border.

## OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

### HOT- or -NOT



#### Gobble up

After grueling weeks of tests and homeworks, finally we have a reason to celebrate—the time has come to sit down for Thanksgiving dinner with family and/or friends. Never before have we been so grateful for the American Indians' help to the Pilgrims back in 1621. Take advantage of the holiday by enjoying turkey or tofurkey. Be sure to relax because remember when you come back, it's Dead Week.



#### Ga.'s spending spree

When *The Chronicle of Higher Education* released its report on public university presidents' compensation packages this week, it came as a surprise that Georgia has three of the highest paid presidents in the nation. While Clough ranks an understandable 11th on the list, it is unbelievable that GSU's Carl Patton and UGA's Michael Adams are in the top-10, given the state's cuts to higher education.



#### What schoolwork?

At long last, *Halo 2*, *Half-Life 2* and *Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas* have made their way onto the market. No longer will Techies have to settle for the tired original versions. Already the effects have been visible in the dorms, with the onslaught of Halo parties and competitions in the dorms.



#### Got IWM?

Somewhere in the midst of blanketing the campus with chalkings, the people behind IWM have forgotten to clue the rest of us in on what the acronym actually means. Self-promotion does IWM no good unless anyone actually has a clue what IWM stands for, besides London's Imperial War Museum.

## YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Republican criticizes GTCOW

In response to Felix Hu's letter in last week's *Technique*, he claimed that our criticism of GTCOW's "Sex for Ramblin Wrecks" event was unfounded. Apparently, Mr. Hu is attempting to avoid being distracted by the facts and is instead trying to convince the Tech community that his event was not only relevant, but had some degree of educational nobility. Unfortunately, Mr. Hu is wrong.

The exact wording of the "self help" part of the presentation is too inappropriate to print, but can be provided to those curious about the validity of our claims. The "self help" portion was not an isolated incident of absurdity. The quiz also included the question that so many at Tech are concerned about: How many calories are in a teaspoon of semen? If one should be provoked to wonder such a thing, the internet is readily available.

College Republicans refused to participate in GTCOW's event

for two reasons. We strongly disagree with the politics of the Pride Alliance and refuse to legitimize their radical agenda by lending our resources to their events. We are one of the largest student organizations on campus with over 1,200 members. It would be foolish to lend our assistance to a tiny, fringe organization that is diametrically opposed to our principles.

Secondly, the events sponsored by GTCOW were not educational at all. They were an immature and obscene fit thrown by a radical group that is desperately trying to break into the mainstream. The Republican Party is not only a mainstream party; it's now the dominant party in America. We intend to keep it that way.

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Georgia Association of College Republicans  
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# BUZZ

## Around the Campus

### What are your plans for Thanksgiving break?



**Bobby Griffin**  
ChE Freshman

*"Going home, eating dinner with the family and watching the game."*



**Nektarios Oraipoulos**  
Graduate MGT

*"Exceptional dinner at Eugenia's!"*



**Naomi Warnick**  
BME Freshman

*"Hanging out with my friends and sleeping."*



**Michelle Grant**  
PSYC Fourth-year

*"Learn how to cook a turkey!"*

Photos by Andrew Saulters

# Wolfe's analysis of colleges lacks facts

Staff Editorial

*Columbia Daily Spectator (Columbia U.)*

(U-WIRE)—“Sex! Sex! It was in the air along with the nitrogen and the oxygen! The whole campus was humid with it!”

Sound familiar? It should, because according to Tom Wolfe, author of the new, college-centric “I Am Charlotte Simmons,” it is an accurate approximation of college life.

It's an analysis that comes up again and again in the tome's 670-odd pages. The book begins with an experiment by a researcher at Dupont University—Wolfe's fictionalized college—that results in a cat attacking a visitor's “ankle with its forelegs and convulsively thrusting its pelvis upon his shoe.” Wolfe makes it clear that he thinks modern undergraduates are just like that cat, except with more disposable income and higher SAT scores.

This image of college students that Wolfe presents is now going to be the image of college life embraced by adults across the country. Wolfe, an author with John Grisham's sales figures, John Updike's literary prestige, and a uniquely strong credibility as a reporter, has changed the way educated Americans will view modern college life.

Unfortunately, it is not an accurate or particularly insightful creation.

Wolfe drops just enough references to “sexiles” and “dormcest” to convince a semi-informed reader that he knows what he is talking about. But Wolfe never acknowledges the benefits of many of the modern collegiate amenities he lampoons. The same coed floors the author claims lead to unrestrained sex might also encourage real understanding between genders, but he doesn't explore that possibility.

If one accepts Wolfe's analysis of college students, their passion for sex makes sense: They don't have anything else to do. To Wolfe, sex is the ultimate barometer of social class. The characters, preoccupied with asserting their social statuses, have no time to pursue excellence in their minds or their bodies. This view of college life is simply not realistic.

If Wolfe were to accurately depict college life, he would have to start from a radically different premise. Students, the same kids who can seem so fixated on status or sex, actually have professional and intellectual goals they want to realize. That is the only thing that could give them the strength to make it through the capricious, soul-deadening, meritocratic obstacle course that characterize both actual universities and Wolfe's fictional one. The author should have found space in his 676 pages for that message.

## BLINDED BY SCIENCE

# Make an impact through service

I know by now that everyone is tired of hearing comments and reading stories about the election, but if you'll indulge me for a moment, I will get to a broader point. Now that his second term in office has been won, President Bush has sharpened his goals and is calling for efforts from both parties to reach across the aisle. I sincerely hope that does happen. I hope that the President realizes that while he won the election, there are millions of Americans who do not agree with his positions on certain issues, and opposing views cannot simply be forgotten or ignored. This is not the end of the process, it is merely the beginning. We're lucky that we live in a country, where there are ways to make our voices heard.

As I've said before in this column, I disagree with this administration's environmental policies. But I also take issue with the failure of the administration to properly fund the No Child Left Behind Act after it was a centerpiece in their first campaign. Education and the environment are two issues that affect everyone, and we should have an interest in them.

It is desperately important for everyone to have a basic understanding of science; it has an impact on our daily lives, and there are certain policy decisions that cannot be made without it. As students, we should all have an interest in the future of science in this country.

The future of our nation is as



“The current administration has been detrimental to the attempts to protect the environment.”

**Andrea Thompson**  
Columnist

much impacted by the environment we leave our children and the opportunities we create for them, as it is by handling national security and terrorist threats. I understand that issues of immediacy come into play, but our government is certainly capable of multi-tasking.

Now, I'm not trying to mobilize a bunch of lobbyists or protesters. I'm simply saying that we, as American citizens, should take an active interest in our government and its effects on our communities. There are so many ways to express your views and get involved.

If you happen to care about the environment, you can help in the simplest of ways just by picking up litter you see on the road.

You can write letters to your government representatives at all levels, check out local environmental organizations, sign a petition (the Sierra Club has an online petition against the closing of funding of Superfund sites) or participate in Tech Beautification Day.

There are many ways to get involved in bolstering our nation's

educational system, particularly in regards to science and math. As Tech students we are well-versed in these areas, so just think of the impact we could make if each of us tutored a child. That's roughly 16,000 students who would benefit and expand their math and science skills.

Now I know most of us are busy with the demanding course loads that come with being a Tech student, but tutoring is not the only option.

You can donate old textbooks to schools that don't have enough. There are organizations, such as [DonorsChoose.org](http://DonorsChoose.org) that provide teachers in under-funded schools with a forum to request money for projects for their classes to enhance their learning experience.

All donations are tax deductible, and you'll be helping to show kids that learning is fun and providing them with a better jump at getting into college and having a better future.

So even if you don't agree with the government and the decisions it makes, there are other ways to make a difference.



YOU'RE *HOW* OLD?

Tech has 165 undergrads who are at least 30 years old. And for these students, a couple of years can make a big difference. **Page 10**

## HALO 2 HITS CAMPUS

...and the Two Bits Man has plenty to say about it. His prediction? *Halo 2* may be fun for now, but world collapse is imminent. **Page 19**



# Stalled Learning Center may get new life

By Jody Shaw  
Editor Emeritus

Last week, Institute President Wayne Clough approved a proposal by the Office of the Provost to kick-start the stalled Innovative Learning Resource Center (ILRC), a teaching and learning center intended to serve as a central hub for undergraduate activities.

The ILRC was originally conceived as the Undergraduate Learning Center four years ago in 2000. At the time of its proposal, the project garnered support from SGA, others in the administration and the College of Sciences. Modeled after Gates Hall, a multipurpose learning center at the University of Washington, the ILRC was intended to serve as a home for freshman laboratories, incorporating facilities similar to those in the Library West Commons

as well as academic support such as tutoring and advising. (See "From the ULC to the ILRC" for more information.)

Last week's newly-approved plan allows Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs Robert McMath

**"I am confident we can raise all of the private funds needed for the original plan."**

**Wayne Clough**  
Institute president

to reconvene a group to develop further plans for the facility. Their charge is twofold: to work with a consultant for the ILRC and to simultaneously continue planning

for renovations in the existing library. Though architectural design will not begin until state funding becomes available, this step moves the Institute closer towards that process.

In June 2001, Clough presented the plan for the ILRC to the University System's Board of Regents, noting that no major classroom building had been erected at Tech since the 1960s.

The Board of Regents embraced Clough's proposal and added the building to its five-year capital priority list, agreeing to provide \$29 million of the \$42 million estimate of its total cost. The Institute would raise the rest through private fundraising.

Though making the state list was a "victory" for the Institute, it also explains the reason why the ILRC's design and construction has been at a standstill.

"If you are on the state list, the good news is that you get a lot of money from the state. The bad news is, you do it when they say you do it," McMath said.

Since the ILRC was added to the capital priority list, overall state funding for campus construction has slowed across Georgia.

The ILRC remains 11th on the list, as the economy has put a squeeze on the fiscal flexibility of all state agencies, including the University System.

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## FROM THE ULC TO THE ILRC: DIFFERENT NAME, SAME PURPOSE

Originally conceived as the Undergraduate Learning Center, and still informally referred to as the Academic Commons, the Innovative Learning Resource Center emerged from Tech administrators in 2000 and won approval from the University System's Board of Regents in June of 2001.

"It really came directly from Wayne Clough and Bob Thompson and their experience at the University of Washington and a building, Gates Hall, at UW," McMath said. "They were also just aware of this type of facility—a learning center which is not a dedicated chemistry building, math building, English building—and also aware that library space needs are critical."

After visiting Gates and similar buildings at other universities, including the University of Arizona, George Mason University and the University of Michigan, a planning committee worked with a consultant to undertake a "visioning process."

"Rather than designing the building and deciding what to do inside it, we would spend a good deal of time discussing how we wanted to teach and how that process would drive the architectural process that would come in the future," McMath said.

During the process, the role of the facility as a new home for laboratories for introductory sciences emerged. "Every student who comes to Georgia Tech takes eight hours of science, so what better way to ensure that everybody visits the building and has the opportunity to benefit from it," said Kent Barefield, associate dean of the College of Sciences. Of the ILRC's approximately 200,000 square feet, the majority would be assigned to classrooms and laboratories.

The visioning process also produced a mission statement for it, which was included in Clough's June 2001 presentation before the Regents that won the Institute funding. According to the proposal, the ILRC's mission is to "provide a 21st-century learning environment forging critical linkages for undergraduates: experiential, collaborative, technology-enhanced classrooms and labs; electronic access to library, information and instructional resources; hub of academic support for undergraduates; educational innovation and improvement of teaching skills for faculty and teaching assistants."

The statement reflects the idea that, in addition to being a new home for the lab sciences, the ILRC would have expanded library and information facilities, a central resource center for tutoring and advising, as well as an area to be used by faculty members and teaching assistants to improve their abilities. A flexible open space for exhibitions, meetings and general study would be included as well.

When built, the ILRC would stand between the library and Yellow Jacket Park and across from the Skiles Building, where the current E42 parking lot sits.



Proposed  
Innovative  
Learning  
Resource  
Center

Library

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**Robert McMath**

Vice provost for undergraduate studies and academic affairs



# Being 30 and an undergrad has its pros and cons



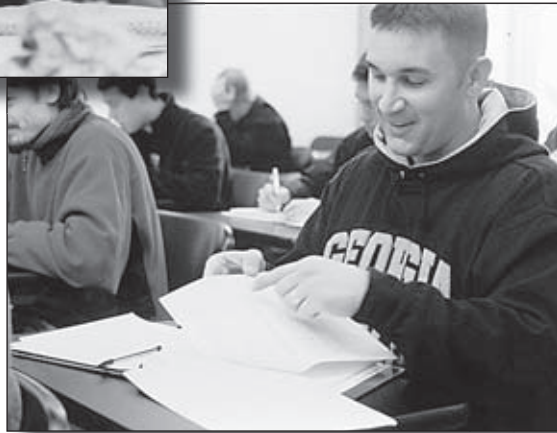
By Joshua Cuneo  
Senior Staff Writer

If you notice the wedding band around the finger of Frank Graffanino, a third-year Mechanical Engineering major, you might be prompted to ask him how long he's been married.

"Nine years," he'd tell you. *Nine?*

Then he'd explain that, despite

(Clockwise from top) Kathy Silver, Frank Graffagnino, Melanie Snow and Justin Ruiz are all undergraduates who are 30 years old or more. For some older students, it's easy to blend in; for others, their age makes for interesting experiences.



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his twenty-something appearance, he's actually 34 years old and living in family housing with his wife and three kids.

Graffanino is one of 165 undergraduates at Tech who make up the almost invisible "30 years old and over" crowd.

These are Tech's older students whose college careers were delayed or interrupted for a variety of reasons, and who have now returned to finish up their education.

In Graffanino's case, he stayed home after his first year of college to nurse his father back to health after a heart attack. During that time, he took a job in law enforcement and met and married his wife.

Others, such as Sasha Jones, a 30-year-old third-year Electrical Engineering major, and Justin Ruiz, a 30-year-old fifth-year Aerospace Engineering major, opted for a military career after high school. After their release from service, they resumed their education at community colleges before switching to Tech.

"I ended up transferring to Tech because I wanted an engineering degree doing kind of what I was doing in the military and in the corporate sector," Jones said.

At a university where most of the student body follows the traditional college route, older undergraduate students are in the minority, and they sometimes deal with interesting assumptions from other students.

"The first day...my husband helped me move in, and we got hungry, [so] we decided to go to a dining hall. We walked in, [and] they

asked us if we were parents," Jones said. "Every time I look around, everyone looks so much younger than me, and you kind of feel like you don't fit in."

Other students have the opposite problem: they pass for 10 years younger and are sometimes treated that way, especially in the classroom.

"[Professors] tend to treat me like an irresponsible 18-year-old instead of a grown adult," said Melanie Snow, a third-year Earth and Atmospheric Sciences major who is 32 years old.

But Snow, who failed out of college and moved directly into the corporate world, said, "I really want to be here, I work really hard to stay here."

On the social scene, however, other students readily accept these older un-

dergraduates, despite the age difference.

Kathy Silver, a 39-year-old third-year Materials Science and Engineering major, feared she would alienate classmates by acting too motherly.

However, "they immediately accepted me as their classmate," she said. "I probably seek as much advice from them as far as dealing with my kids, because they're so close in age to my kids."

Snow said she has friends who take her out to eat, study, and even attend the occasional party. "That's a lot of fun," she laughed.

Other students like Graffanino feel relieved in escaping the social politics of undergraduate school.

**"[Professors] tend to treat me like an irresponsible 18-year-old instead of a grown adult."**

**Melanie Snow**  
Third-year EAS major

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"A lot of those issues I do not have to deal with on a daily basis," he said. "I don't have to worry about going out with the guys at night or if this girls likes me or, 'Oh my god, she's breaking up with me,' and things like that."

The trade-off, however, is the commitment these students have to their spouses and families. Often, the time required for these relationships limits their involvement on campus.

"The minute you have children, you become a responsible, authoritative person," Graffanino said. "Whereas some students just have to govern themselves...I have to make sure that at the same time that I'm studying and taking care of my schoolwork... my children and wife are taken care of also."

Even married students who don't have children face a similar time crunch.

"All that extra time I have goes into being married," Jones said. "I'm not there, so I have to go home on the weekends, and [though] I want

to study, I feel like I have to devote more time to our relationship."

Older undergraduates also sometimes have different priorities from the rest of the student body. Ruiz said he concerns himself more with property taxes, neighborhood safety and other issues than campus-related matters handled by the Student Government Association.

"I come here, take my classes, and I leave," he said. "I'm not familiar with names or the places here...[A] class said, 'We're going to meet at the Burger Bowl.' I really had to have someone point it out on the map for me."

These students do have the advantage of longer life experience, however, which helps them focus better in their academics. Many draw on their real-world skills to be more productive.

"When you work for a corporation, you pick up certain people skills and time management skills and organizational skills that you

don't necessarily get fresh out of high school," Snow said. "I think that lends me to be a little bit more responsible with my studies."

Family commitments also affect post-graduation plans. Whereas many college students may move directly into graduate school, those with families often plan to move straight into the workforce to earn an income. This adds pressure for these students to graduate with good grades in a timely fashion.

"[Some students had] an opportunity to study abroad, and they were debating whether or not they wanted to delay their graduation another semester...and I just wanted to scream...[because] you get all that incredible experience," Silver said. "When you get to be 38 and you don't have that degree yet, *then* you can start toying with whether

or not you want to wait another semester," she laughed.

Fortunately, many older students who have returned to school receive plenty of support from their family and the community at large.

"Usually, most people are really supportive about it," Snow said. "Because

it is something that's really hard to do...because I've already had a life established. I know what it's like in the real world. I actually made money, and then to give all that up and then come back to school and be a student [is hard]."

Ruiz said that others sometimes even gawk at their decision to attend Tech instead of a more traditional liberal arts institution. He's often labeled a "geek" and a "brainiac," and he sees that reputation for intelligence reflected in the student body.

"I'm very encouraged by how knowledgeable they are, not only in these technical fields but also in world affairs," Ruiz said. "When I was that same age, I wasn't nearly as involved."

He also had some advice for the rest of the student body.

"Don't sweat the small things here at Georgia Tech, because soon you'll be out of here and on to bigger and better things," Ruiz said.

# Worried about the GRE? Don't fret

By Marcela Musgrove  
Staff Writer

When applying to college, high school students all have to take the SAT or ACT. College students wishing to go to grad school have to take

- A) GRE General Test
- B) GMAT
- C) GRE Subject Test
- D) A and C
- E) It depends!

The best answer is E. Students going on to medical, business or law school take specialized entrance exams (MCAT, GMAT or LSAT respectively).

Students going on to other graduate programs are generally expected to at least take the general GRE, but in some cases it may only be optional or may be substituted by another exam such as the GMAT. Some programs may require students to take the subject test as well, while international students often have to take the TOEFL.

With the test fees running over \$100, the best thing to do is to narrow down the list of institutions and make sure which tests are required or recommended.

For many students on the verge of graduation, the GRE is either a

Department	GRE admissions requirement
Biology	Requires General GRE, Biology Subject GRE is optional
Physics	Requires General and Physics Subject GRE
Computer Science	Requires General GRE for all master's and PhD programs; requires Computer Science Subject GRE for master's, recommended for Ph.D.
Industrial Engineering	Requires General GRE
Electrical and Computer Engineering	Requires General GRE
International Affairs	Requires General GRE

mystery, a stress, or an annoyance.

The latter was the case with Matthew McKeon, a master's student in Human-Computer Interaction, the exam was "just another hoop I had to jump through, and I was determined to do it right and get it out of the way so I could get my real goals accomplished," he said.

How important is the GRE in the application process? Again, it depends on the institution. However, it is only one part of the judging criteria that includes grades, recommendations and a written statement.

Luca Dieci, a professor in the School of Mathematics and who serves as the department's acting graduate coordinator, expressed her personal opinion about the GRE.

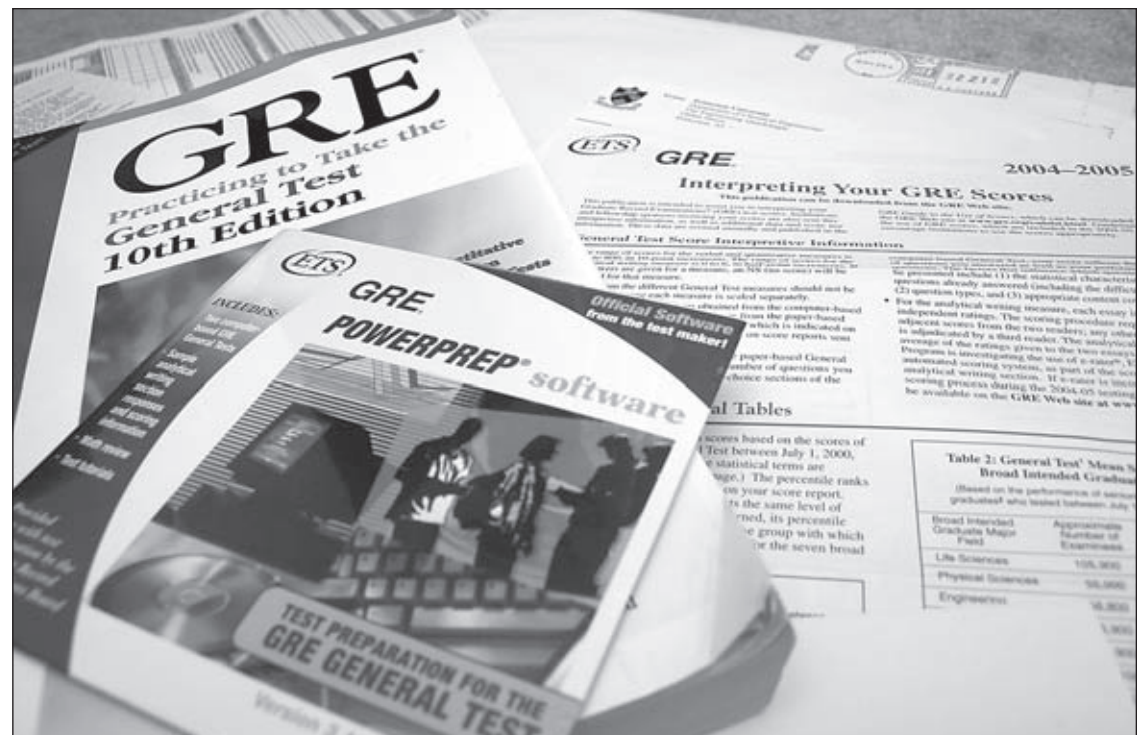
"GRE scores are just one piece of information by which we evaluate applicants," Dieci said. "They can be faulty, in the sense that high scores do

not necessarily reflect into superior performance in future academic life. For example, GRE scores are not designed to measure creativity potential. On the other hand, a low GRE score more often than not reflects poor preparation."

The GRE General Test consists of an analytical writing section, a verbal section, and a quantitative section, which may sound familiar to veterans of the SAT. But unlike the SAT, a paper test, the GRE a computerized test, and is administered at a computer.

Instead, students sign up for an appointment at a Prometric Testing Center through the GRE website ([www.gre.com](http://www.gre.com)), by mail or by phone. Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis, so students are advised to make the ap-

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By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

When you register for the GRE, you receive free software that includes tutorials, practice questions and two sample tests. Veterans of the exam recommend various other test-taking strategies as well.

# Students give thanks for Tech, instead of turkey

By Patricia Breed  
Contributing Writer

Turkey, football, and pumpkin pie: who isn't ready for a break from Tech to enjoy the beginning of the holiday season?

Thanksgiving is a time to pause and reflect on the relationships and gifts we're blessed with every day.

Believe it or not, we Techies have a lot to be thankful for right here on campus. When asked what they were thankful for, students, faculty and staff gave varied—but equally heartfelt—responses.



**"I'm thankful for GT Intramurals."**

Cody Spencer, second-year Computer Science major

**"I am thankful for the 18 students who work for me and make my job much easier than it should be."**  
Brett Hulst, Residence Life Coordinator

**"I am thankful for an extra week-long Christmas break, an awesome basketball team, [being] a Management major and living in the South, especially in the winter, and of course my family and friends!"**

Ashley Hightower, fourth-year Management major

**"I am thankful for all of the students who make my job so rewarding. They keep me inspired even after 20 years in academe!"**

Deborah Turner, Associate Professor, College of Management

**"I'm thankful for the [upcoming] UGA football game and the fact that we'll be one week from the UGA basketball whooping!"**

Michael Phillips, fourth-year Industrial Engineering major

**"I am thankful that I graduated."**  
Rachel Kovacs, BS INTA, May 2004

**"I am truly thankful for all of my friends at Tech who have made it their mission to keep me as stress free as possible by reminding me of life's simplest pleasures."**

Amy Phuong, fourth-year International Affairs major

**"I am thankful that I've been able to spend the last few years with amazing people at Tech, and for an SGA who does an amazing job of helping Tech students."**

Stephanie Bent, third-year Applied Mathematics major

**"I am thankful that I have 26 days 'til graduation!"**

Jim Sinclair, fifth-year Materials Science and Engineering major



**"I'm thankful for Coors Light and friends."**

Brantley Beaird, third-year Biomedical Engineering major

**"I am thankful that on a rainy Thanksgiving Day, 17 years ago, I moved to Atlanta and made Georgia Tech my HOME—thankful that I have a job that causes me to bound out of bed every day with the anticipation of working with fabulous faculty and superb students...thankful that my 'chosen family' is made up of the most loving, caring people on the planet: some absolutely awe-inspiring alumni and sincerely stellar students."**

Billiee Pendleton-Parker, Assistant Director, CETL

**"I'm thankful for all the friends I've made here. Even if I couldn't go home [for Thanksgiving], I know I'd have another family to join."**

Angela Muhlberger, fourth-year Industrial Design major



**"I am thankful for the *Technique* kids [that] give me something to read during my Friday morning lectures in the Management building."**

Tony Le, fifth-year Electrical Engineering major



By Raymond Chafin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students celebrate Thanksgiving with an early dinner. Aside from the food, though, Tech students say they have a lot to be thankful for.



## ILRC

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“[The capital priority list] is a list of schools to be funded by bonds,” McMath said. “With the economy being soft for the last four years, the list has just not moved.”

Privately-funded construction has continued on campus, meaning that projects conceived after the ILRC have already been built. The Technology Square complex, the Student Center Commons, the Ford ES&T building and the Bobby Dodd Stadium expansion serve as examples of campus additions funded completely or predominantly by private funds raised from alumni and other donors.

Though Tech had the option to pursue greater private funding options for the ILRC, administrators continued to wait on the promised state monies in order to leave private resources untapped and available for other future projects.

Despite the recent trends in public funding, Clough expressed optimism that funding for the ILRC could appear in the near future. The administration has received notification from the University System that the coming year’s capital request will be higher than in the past.

“If this is the case, it heightens our chances of getting funding for the [ILRC] in [Fiscal Year] 07 (July 2006),” Clough said.

The president also noted that the Institute has already obtained 75 percent of the \$13 million worth of private funds projected to be necessary for the project’s completion.

“I am confident we can raise all

of the private funds needed for the original plan, and some additional amount within reason,” Clough said.

Administrators in the Library, College of Sciences and other stakeholders involved in the ILRC have continued innovation in their departments.

The Library West Commons (LWC), which opened in 2002, is a joint effort between the Library and the Office of Information Technology. It is an example of a “collabora-

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**Robert McMath**  
Vice provost for undergrad studies

tive project” that the ILRC aims to emulate on a larger scale.

“Often it is difficult to see beyond our respective silos, but through the Commons project, we learned the importance of collaboration,” said the library’s Associate Director for Public Services Crit Stuart.

The LWC’s success with students sparked further discussions related to renovations throughout the library. Stuart and other library administrators have been working to gather initial information about

what those renovations should look like, much of it through student focus groups.

According to Stuart, however, this process has occurred “in ignorance of the new building.” For library officials, the limbo in which the ILRC remains makes it difficult to consider it in relation to plans for the existing library.

In the College of Sciences, Associate Dean Kent Barefield hopes to develop more new laboratory techniques to match the future laboratory facilities in the ILRC, such as the “discovery labs” instituted this semester in the introductory biology sequence.

“What is happening in biology is certainly what we want to happen across the board,” Barefield said.

He also believes that new facilities will provide the opportunity to employ collaborative learning and educational technologies. Theme coordination across the introductory labs could also be possible: with all the basic laboratories in the same physical location, studying the same phenomenon or organism from the different perspectives of the various disciplines might provide an interesting twist on science education.

With possible funding in the future, attention toward the ILRC has been refocused, even if the design and construction of the facility remain nearly two years away. When completed, all expect the building to dramatically impact the undergraduate experience.

“This building is a powerful statement by Georgia Tech that undergraduate education is an important priority,” McMath said.

## GRE

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pointment early to get the date they want, since there is a crunch around the end of the semester as application deadlines approach.

The GRE is a computer-adaptive test, which means that instead of predetermined questions, the test adapts itself according to whether you are answering the questions correctly. Questions start out easy and get harder if you get them right or easier if you get one wrong.

According to Computer Science Ph.D. student Jose Zagal, “Messing up on an early question is more detrimental than messing up on a later one since the first five are usually considered the ‘crucial’ ones,” he said. “Generally speaking, if you are taking the exam and start to run into really hard questions, that is a good sign.”

As David Roberts, a Computer Science Ph.D. student points out, the computer test changes the strategies that students usually use for standardized tests. “You can’t skip questions that you are not completely sure of...and return to them after finishing the ones you know,” he said. “Additionally, if you realize later on that you made a mistake, you can’t go back either.”

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**David Roberts**  
Ph.D. student, CS

Luckily, there are various resources to learn what strategies do work for the GRE. Upon registering for the exam, students are sent free software which includes test tutorials, practice questions and two actual computer-adaptive tests. Companies such as Kaplan and Princeton Review offer expensive prep classes and occasional free practice sessions, as well as books and CD-ROMs.

Although the test has gone through many changes in the past few years, some old-fashioned strategies can still be applied to studying for it.

Shan Huang, a Computer Science Ph.D. student, said, “I have two boxes of roughly 3,500 index cards total with GRE words on them.”

On a similar but less extreme note, Amanda Nance, a master’s student in

Human-Computer Interaction, said, “I learned 70 new words before I took the GRE the second time, and my verbal score improved significantly.”

Lex Spoon, a Computer Science Ph.D. student, gave more lighthearted advice. “Don’t tie yourself in knots worrying, but do give the test some respect,” he said. “Study every day for months, eat well the day before, eat a good breakfast, get plenty of rest beforehand, and it’s a cinch.”



# ENTERTAINMENT

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## GIVE THANKS

Students talk about what they are thankful for including friends, fun, sports and beer. **Page 12**

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Basketball has a good showing in their victory over LeMoyné in the last exhibition game of the season. **Page 27**

## Comic convention comes to Atlanta

For fans of Superman, Batman and The Green Lantern, the Marriott Hotel Century Boulevard (2000 Century Blvd. NE) will be hosting the Atlanta Comic Convention this Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Join your fellow comic aficionados this weekend and marvel (no pun intended) at your old favorites. Tickets cost \$4 at the door and \$3 in advance.

## Kiss my glass (art, that is)

Through the Dec. 18, the Atlanta Botanical Gardens is hosting "Chihuly in the Garden," a showing of glass art by Dale Chihuly that is made to be seen amongst flowers and plants. The gardens are in Midtown and are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$9 for seniors, and \$7 for students and children three and younger.

## Underground hosts poetry slam

Because we apparently live in a world where you can't even have a poetry reading without someone hinting at the possibility of a violent smackdown, Underground Atlanta is hosting "Poetry Slam" every Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. through Jan. 20. Come and find out whatever it is that people are writing poetry about nowadays.

# High hosts Van Gogh, Picasso, others

By Halley Espy  
Staff Writer

With a mixture of sophisticated art addicts and trendy artistic types, the High Museum drew a crowd this past weekend with all of the attention focused on one exhibit: *Van Gogh to Mondrian: Modern Art from the Kröller-Müller Museum*.

The collection of late 19th-century and early 20th-century modern pieces comes from the Kröller-Müller Museum, located in Holland. On display since Oct. 19, the collection is housed at the High until Jan. 16, 2005.

With 84 paintings, drawings and other ornate art pieces on display, the collection is the largest of its kind coming to the U.S. in over 50 years; some of the rare pieces have never been to the U.S. until now. Twenty pieces alone are celebrated works of pointillist pioneer Vincent Van Gogh.

Whimsical patterns in Van Gogh's *Café Terrace at Night* and *Olive Grove* depict familiar scenery in a new light; the movement of intricate dot patterns captivated the appreciative audience.

The entire exhibit is organized around the Dutch artist, with Van

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**David McCann**  
Fourth-year CS and Physics major

Gogh's *Self-Portrait* acting as a gateway not only to the exhibit, but also to the artist's innermost reflections and passions manifested in a tangible production.

*Self-Portrait* is an introspective piece that draws the onlooker into the painting. At the heart of the exhibit, each Van Gogh piece commanded

attention from those passing through.

The history of the collection is dictated through an audio tour of the entire exhibit; the recording highlights significant works from Vincent Van Gogh, Georges Seurat, Pablo Picasso, Diego Rivera and Piet Mondrian.

As a unique aspect to the audio tour, David A. Breneman gives critical insight into how the rare collection came to be housed at a museum envisioned by patron of modern art Helene Kröller-Müller.

Influenced by art historian H.P. Bremmer, Helene Kröller-Müller's wealth and keen artistic flair provided the means for pulling together a remarkable collection of modern masterpieces over a relatively short time.

*Van Gogh to Mondrian* expresses the artistic viewpoint of Kröller-Müller with the comprehensive collection



Vincent Van Gogh, *Self Portrait*, 1887

Van Gogh's *Self Portrait* is one of 84 pieces on loan to the High from the Kröller-Müller Museum Collection in the Netherlands.

unfolding the progressing quality of Van Gogh's work.

David McCann, fourth-year double major in Physics and Computer Science, described the merit of the exhibit and the crowd. "It was worth visiting the High with an artist as prestigious as van Gogh featured in Atlanta, especially if you haven't

seen his work before. There was a good mix of people there, including other Tech students," he said.

*Van Gogh to Mondrian* is a unique opportunity currently happening in Atlanta. The exhibit is worth the trip to the High, as the collection is exciting to an array of people with varying degrees of artistic interest.



By Hillary Lipko/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**R**ed vs. Blue: Following the long-anticipated release of Halo 2 last week, students Renjoy free-play sessions of the game at Tech Rec. First week sales for Halo 2 reportedly topped 3 million in North America alone.

# Gore overrides plot in Saw

By Amanda Dugan  
Contributing Writer

"How far would you go to save your own life?" asks the serial killer of *Saw* while he tests his victim's will to live.

This interesting premise drives *Saw*, which explores the work of a serial killer who is obsessed with teaching his victims the value of life. *Saw*'s killer abducts people who are morally corrupt and places them in impossible

situations so that they have to win back their lives.

A disturbing version of a wake-up call for today's power driven society, *Saw* begins after several murders where puzzle pieces have been left as signatures.

This "jigsaw" killer has now locked two men, Adam and Dr. Gordon, in a room to attain their second lives. Locked to pipes on opposite sides of a decrepit bathroom, the men find a recently deceased man and

the gun he used to take his life between them.

*Saw* proceeds by unweaving the tangled web that brought both the men to such a predicament. Rather than focusing on what could be a truly original script and mystery, *Saw* is left underdeveloped with poor acting

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Photo courtesy Lionsgate Films

Adam (Leigh Whannell) finds himself chained to a basement pipe with no way out in the gory horror film, *Saw*.

and predictable characters. The background story of how each character became a target is weak and is confounded painfully by poor acting.

Placed in the most primal situation, kill or be killed, each victim's actions fall flat and feel contrived. Particularly, Adam and Dr. Gordon are played as shallow, one-dimensional puppets.

The movie almost redeems

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itself with unique victim and killer interactions. *Saw's* murderer never actually commits murder.

The killer creatively places each of his victims into situations more creative and twisted than the last where they take their own lives or that of others.

The havoc that comes of the victims' deaths is over the top and delivers the paralyzing chills one hopes for in a movie like *Saw*. The intensity doesn't last much longer than the moments of terror, though.

*Saw* recaptures its audience and itself from being just another gory mess by revealing the serial killer in a truly unexpected way.

Still, knowing who the killer is resolves very little as the story doesn't develop his motive beyond making people appreciate life and all but avoids seriously exploring who the murderer is until the last scene.

More carnage than plot, *Saw* provides intense scares, but finding out how far you'd go to save your life isn't worth rushing to the theater.

# Lil' Jon represents South with Crunk Juice

Ruben Sanchez  
Tufts Daily (Tufts U.)

(U-WIRE) MEDFORD, Mass.—No one does crunk better than Lil' Jon, whose latest studio release with the East Side Boyz, *Crunk Juice*, dropped in record stores Tuesday.

The crunk genre exploded into the mainstream of American hip-hop in 2003 with hits like "Get Low" by Lil' Jon & the East Side Boyz.

Crunk is part of a strange revolution in hip-hop coming out of the South. The popularity and airplay of crunk has grown slowly since the late '90s but, chances are, if you're not from Florida or Georgia, the noise is likely to be relatively new to you.

It seems strange when broken down, but the music Lil' Jon has become so skilled at creating out of noise can border on electronica on one extreme and punk on the other. Rap lyrics don't always blend smoothly with a beat that grates

against itself, trying to move in two different directions. Still, the jarring sounds of crunk are reaching more listeners and fans each day. Crunk, like beer, is an acquired taste.

"What U Gon' Do" is the lead single off *Crunk Juice*, and it features the East Side Boyz singing call-and-response lyrics over one of the deeper crunk beats on this album.

The bass explodes then disappears in distortion over and over again. The same distortion starts to capture voices at the end of verses and a synthetic whistle holds up the refrain melody. The beat belongs to a more ominous strain of Lil' Jon's work, represented by a few tracks on this album.

Lil' Jon is a producer/rapper who knows that his real talent is creating

beats, so *Crunk Juice* features a long list of featured artists including: R. Kelly, Usher, Ice Cube, Ludacris, T.I., Snoop Dogg and Nas.

Ice Cube gives a stand-out performance on "Real Nigga Roll Call" reminiscent of his own club hit "You Can Do It."

Cube always raps angry and his emotions feed off the hard-driving beat on this one.

R. Kelly and Usher are featured on separate but similar tracks. The pounding of crunk gives way to sugary melodies to create a sub-genre,

**"The pounding of crunk gives way to sugary melodies to create a sub-genre, which could be called Crunk&B."**

which could be called Crunk&B. These tracks are designed to capture more of a female audience more inclined to R&B ballads. Lil' Jon even sings on one of these tracks, thereby increasing his credits to producer/rapper/singer.

Even though Lil' Jon & the East Side Boyz rented a mansion with a recording studio in Miami to work on their latest album, the sounds of other regions influenced the creation of *Crunk Juice*.

"Aww Skeet Skeet" resembles a go-go joint that could have been lifted out of a Washington, D.C. night club. The live feel totally goes along with the use of a full drum battery.

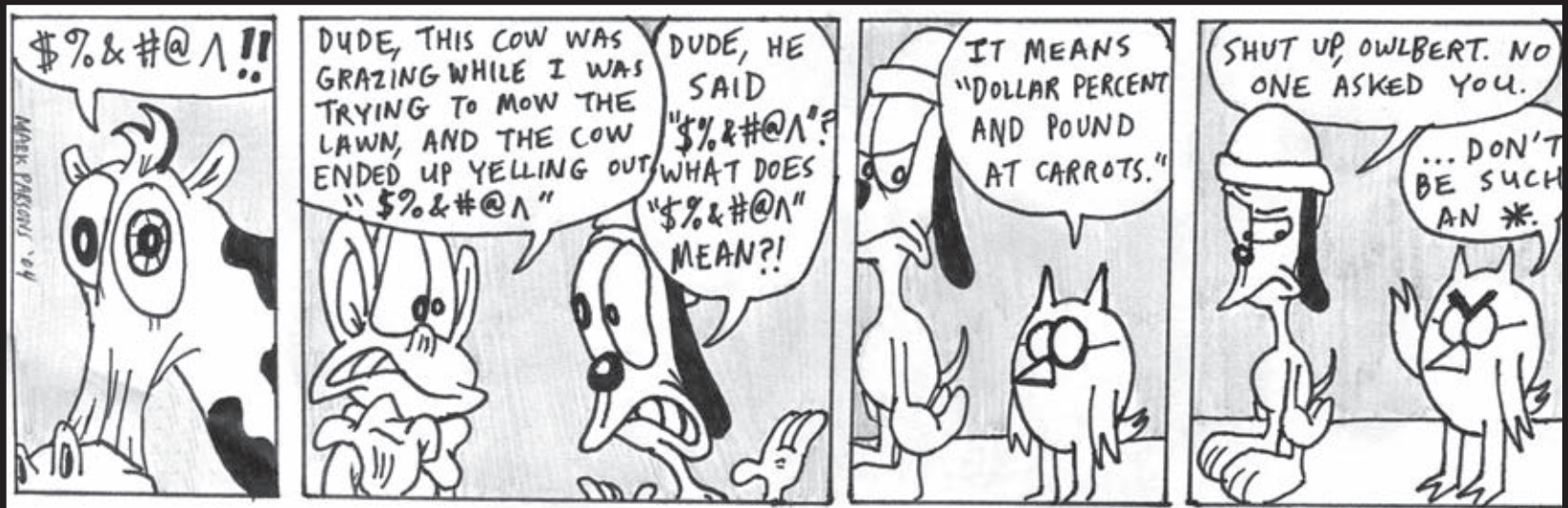
Lil' Jon doesn't produce every track. The legendary Rick Rubin adds a menacing track to this album. The Neptunes also get in on the production; their stop and go, up tempo beat hides some trance melodies in the lower layers.

The release of *Crunk Juice* has become an event in its own right. The appearance of so many featured artists and producers confirms that Lil' Jon and his brand of hip-hop have made it big.

For a limited time the album will be sold in a two-disc special edition with a bonus DVD.

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THEME CROSSWORD: BALANCING ACT

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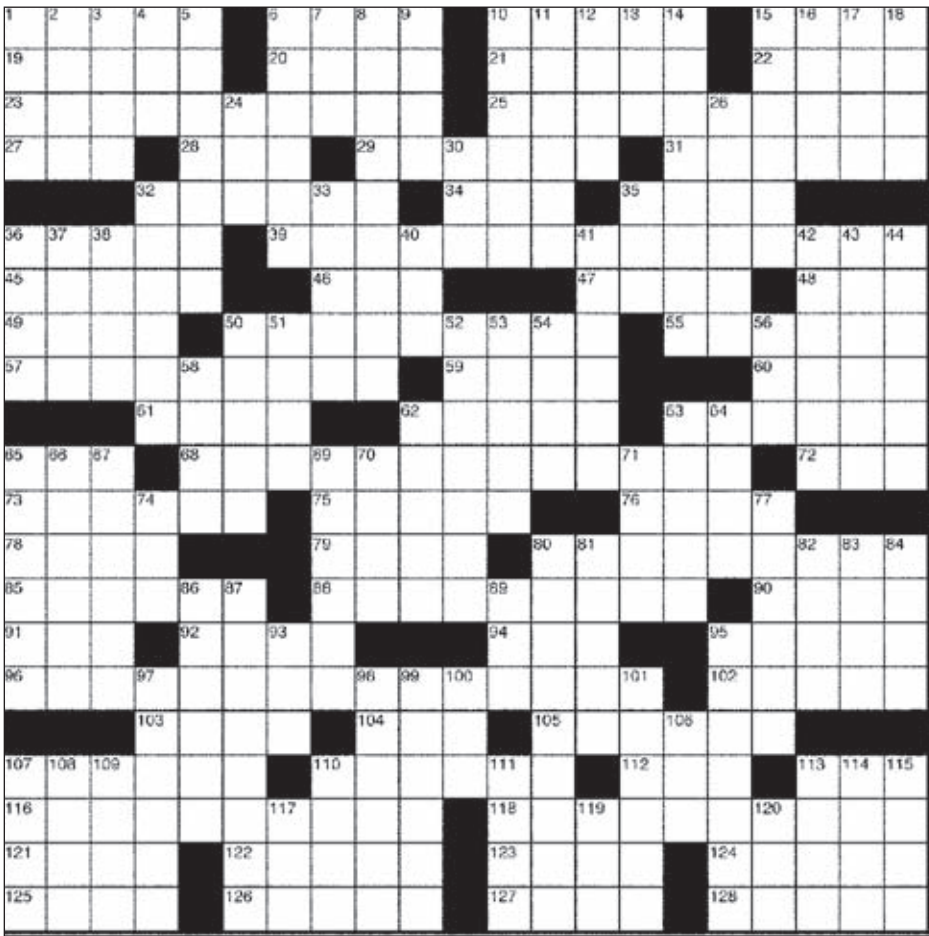
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- 6. Dramatis personae
- 10. Rajah's wife
- 15. Yurt
- 19. Oversight
- 20. City in Arizona
- 21. Order
- 22. Edible spread
- 23. Start of a quip by Barry Goldwater: 2 wds.
- 25. Dinner table item
- 27. A letter
- 28. Child
- 29. Hauling charge
- 31. Lunchroom
- 32. Use a flail
- 34. Adam's \_\_\_ (water)
- 35. To be, in Bordeaux
- 36. Necklace
- 39. Part 2 of quip: 3 wds.
- 45. Main artery
- 46. Macaw
- 47. Angry
- 48. Medical specialty: abbr.
- 49. Part of NLRB: abbr.
- 50. Entertainment phenom-enon
- 55. Covered passageway
- 57. Like some streets: hyph.
- 59. Party garment
- 60. Western Indian
- 61. "Star Trek" captain
- 62. Summer camp boat
- 63. Unsealed
- 65. Male swan
- 68. Part 3 of quip: 2 wds.
- 72. Draft org.
- 73. Apportions
- 75. Luminesced

- 76. "Peter Pan" dog
- 78. Contended
- 79. Remedy
- 80. Of the voice box
- 85. Ducks
- 88. Online IDs: 2 wds.
- 90. Neck part
- 91. \_\_\_ Lingus
- 92. Regretted
- 94. Lennon's widow
- 95. Old-hat
- 96. Part 4 of quip: 4 wds.
- 102. Lurine animal
- 103. Imprison
- 104. Upper limit
- 105. Ancient Greek shrine
- 107. Mysterious
- 110. Dolor
- 112. Austin Powers, e.g.
- 113. Sigma's follower
- 116. Like square meals
- 118. End of the quip: 3 wds.
- 121. Stage skirt
- 122. Canonical hour
- 123. Stiff hair
- 124. \_\_\_ nous
- 125. Understands
- 126. Cloying
- 127. Paleozoic and others
- 128. Flowers

DOWN

- 1. Belgrade native
- 2. Test answer
- 3. "Rule, Britannia" com-poser
- 4. Against
- 5. Incarnation of Vishnu
- 6. Young swan
- 7. "\_\_\_ Wiedersehen!"
- 8. Covered thickly
- 9. Dasheen
- 10. Certain transaction

- 11. Saws
- 12. Long river
- 13. Outside: prefix
- 14. And so on: 2 wds.
- 15. Mexican Indian
- 16. Fashion magazine
- 17. Approach
- 18. Conservative
- 24. Part of Scand.
- 26. Breadwinner
- 30. Kind of cry
- 32. Catalog entries
- 33. Mold
- 35. Shogun's city
- 36. Jargon
- 37. White with age
- 38. Commedia dell'\_\_\_
- 40. Average
- 41. Neighbor of Syria
- 42. Aches
- 43. French West \_\_\_
- 44. Chargers
- 50. Underground structures
- 51. E pluribus \_\_\_
- 52. Wood finisher
- 53. 1,000 kilograms
- 54. Excited
- 56. Homophone for "sea"
- 58. Concupiscence
- 62. Job
- 63. Approves
- 64. School in Philadelphia
- 65. Warning
- 66. Twist or Cromwell
- 67. Indistinct
- 69. Old Spanish coin
- 70. Like so
- 71. Concerning: 2 wds.
- 74. Unmatched
- 77. Related on the father's side
- 80. Propertied one
- 81. Love affair



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- 82. Orient
- 83. Domed recess
- 84. Sly look
- 86. Opera by Verdi
- 87. Implies
- 89. \_\_\_ sequitur
- 93. Summer on the Seine
- 95. Nylon, e.g.
- 97. Son of Daedalus

- 98. Wall bracket for candles
- 99. Aim for
- 100. Spring mo.
- 101. High-ranking Turks
- 106. Books expert: abbr.
- 107. Farm denizens
- 108. Libertine
- 109. Attractive
- 110. Beget

- 111. River into the Seine
- 113. Moppets
- 114. "God's Little \_\_\_"
- 115. Stringed instruments
- 117. Chop
- 119. \_\_\_ standstill
- 120. L-P link

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## Halo 2 released; world screeches to halt

I am weak, dear readers. I am lacking in strong moral fiber. I am deficient of willpower, and I am currently engaged in radically self-destructive behavior which is bound, *bound* I say, to be the end of me. Last week, I bought *Halo 2*, and it's tearing me apart.

It all started with the single-player, which I beat in a space of less than 24 hours after I bought the game. My only source of comfort (or soul-wrenching horror) is the almost iron-clad certainty that at any given time and location on campus, there is almost definitely some person within a 100-foot radius of me that did it in 12.

Then there's the multiplayer, which is like manna from heaven. Seriously, my MP has increased, like,

three-fold since I started playing this game (rimshot).

The amount of time that I spend watching little red and blue men kill each other is both staggering and horrifying. I mean, I'm a reasonably well-adjusted guy, but this game is ruining my life. For God's sake, my eyes haven't stopped burning from overuse since last Tuesday. *Halo 2* is going to make me go blind and I still can't stop myself.

The plus side of the whole potentially life-shattering debilitation thing is that, under our current "Who Wants to Sue And Then Be a Millionaire" legal system, my own self-destructive behavior might just

cash and prizes. I'll be able to buy any of you "normies"—as I imagine I'll begin to call you all—10 times over.

Ludicrous wealth and seeing eye dogs aside, I can't help but wonder what *Halo 2* might do to the student population at large. This game could, theoretically, be the end of Tech as we know it. Think of it. Thousands of already reclusive nerds starved to death after their Dorritos and Jolt Cola stores run dry. The fatter ones could last a few more days on their internal reserves, but even that's just a stopgap against their inevitable demise.

Classes would be failed by the truckload and if the campus network goes down, the OIT building would almost certainly be smoldering ash within the hour. God help the poor bastards inside. And that's just the first few days.

The large scale effects of the world's intelligentsia dead at the hands of what is essentially an advanced successor to *Duck Hunt* could set back human civilization millennia.

Cities would fall, whole nations would collapse into chaos in the space of days and without anyone still alive possessing a certain baseline intellect, no one will be around to call George W. Bush an idiot. That, perhaps, is the greatest tragedy of all. So, yeah. Worldwide collapse, looting and rioting, millions dead. That about sums it up.

I think it's safe to say that the boys of Bungie have quite outdone themselves with this attempt. Now, if you'll kindly excuse me, I've got some pubescent little turds to bitch slap.



### sliver

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sleep's a slut - you just can't get enough of it  
To Tech Guys: "Do you want to study" does not mean "Do you want to date"

I love my GT Chorale!!!

Ethan's front page pic is so awesome. Marry me Ethan! :)

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## UGA

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ran down, but a fumble on the goal line saved the day for Tech.

The Yellow Jackets kicked a field goal in overtime to win the game, and Grant Field was flooded with students and fans. Ripping Georgia's heart out felt extremely good.

The win became bragging rights for a whole year. Tech alumni could go back to and tell all of their Georgia co-workers (or employees for that matter) about the game. You could call your high school friends who were in Athens and ask "How 'bout them Dawgs?"

Tech went on to win the next year, while Georgia has won three straight in the series. Either way, the winning side has a year of bragging rights.

Every Tech fan has to work or interact with UGA fans, and there

**"The last Georgia coach who lost three in a row to Tech was out of a job the next football season."**

is nothing better than to be able to smirk at the UGA fans after a [Tech] win. It's 364 days of bliss," said former Tech student Will Jennings.

A main reason for all the hatred is the amount of respect between the schools. Any Tech fan will tell you that UGA is its biggest rival.

Tech fans may feel some UGA fans do not respect Tech as their main rival. UGA fans will often mention Florida, Tennessee or possibly Auburn before getting to Tech when listing their biggest rivals. From my experiences, UGA fans feel lucky to break even against many SEC rivals, but expect to beat Tech.

The last Georgia coach who lost three in a row to Tech was out of a



By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Tech only plays Georgia in football one Saturday each year, but the result of the game is not quickly forgotten by either side.**

job the next football season. The last three seasons UGA has had a trio of its best teams of the last 20 years, a big reason for a three-game winning streak in the series.

Many Tech fans I know, myself included, are tired of hearing about how great of a player David Pollack is or how hard safety Thomas Davis hits.

Maybe I am biased, but I would like to hear some talk of how good of a wide receiver Tech has in Calvin Johnson.

I'd like to hear how Tech has three capable running backs that can hurt you in different ways or how Tech's defensive line is just as good as the "unrelenting" defensive line of the Bulldogs.

This rivalry comes down to re-

spect and bragging rights. Telling all of your UGA friends how much of a better school Tech is gets old after a while.

The Yellow Jackets need a strong performance against Virginia this weekend to build on their regained confidence from victories over N.C. State and Connecticut.

UGA will have a week off to recover from a 24-6 thrashing at the hands of national title contender Auburn.

Whatever the outcome, both teams will likely be going to bowl games at the end of the season. However, this will be my last Tech-Georgia game as a student at the Institute, and I cannot imagine a better send off from Tech than beating Georgia on their home field.

## UConn

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Ball threw for a career high 288 yards by completing 22 of 38 passes with no interceptions. The big-play receivers were Johnson, Nate Curry and Levon Thomas who often times made catches that left the crowd in awe.

"From the beginning of the season I said I'm going to give them a chance to go get it, and that's what they did today," Ball said.

Johnson caught six passes for a season high 131 yards, a great encore to last week's performance versus N.C. State, against whom he made a spectacular one-handed catch in the fourth quarter that some fans simply refer to as "The Snag."

Thomas caught four passes for 31 yards, and Curry made five receptions for 83 yards. Curry now has more than 1,000 career receiving yards and is ranked No. 16 in school history for that category.

Rashaun Grant churned out 73 yards on 19 carries against the Huskies. Grant received a majority of the carries for the second straight week with P.J. Daniels still sidelined by injury.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Jackets allowed just 20 yards rushing and 205 yards passing. That passing mark was 90 yards below UConn quarterback Dan Orlovsky's average of 295 yards per contest coming in to the game.

One reason the Jackets contained the UConn passing game is because of the amount of pressure the Jackets were able to put on Orlovsky.

Defensive end Travis Parker said the defense tried "to focus on not letting him set his feet."

The Huskies were only able to score one touchdown against Tech, and it came far too late, as there was no time left on the game clock when Connecticut made it to the end zone for the first time.

The Jacket defense also blocked two punts during the contest. "All week long we saw that the center wasn't real quick off the ball. We knew that if we attacked him and

got to him quick we could get to the punt," said junior Ajenavi Eziemefe, who blocked the first punt, which D'Jay Jones returned five yards for a touchdown.

Late in the third quarter Jones also blocked a punt, which gave the Jackets the ball in scoring territory.

Four plays later Travis Bell kicked a 29-yard field goal, his third of the game. Bell has made 12 consecutive field goals this year, which is a new school record. He broke Luke Manget's previous record of 10 straight.

Bell has missed only one field goal this season which was his first attempt in the first game against Samford. "If you would have asked me after the Samford game if I'd go 12 for 12, I would have said, 'No way. There's no chance,'" Bell said.

To finish the season Tech will face two tough opponents. They face No. 18 Virginia at home on Nov. 20. The following week on Nov. 27 the Jackets travel to Athens to take on No. 11 ranked in-state rival UGA. Both games will be televised on ABC, and both games will begin at 1 p.m.

## sliver

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Who cares if the EpIII trailer was all over the internet a couple days later...I still had to pay homage to my geekiness and come home early from work

My apartment is infested with koala bears....it's the cutest infestation ever...

Oh, and uh, Friday will be Hawaiian shirt day...so, ah, if you have a...Hawaiian shirt, feel free to uh...wear it.

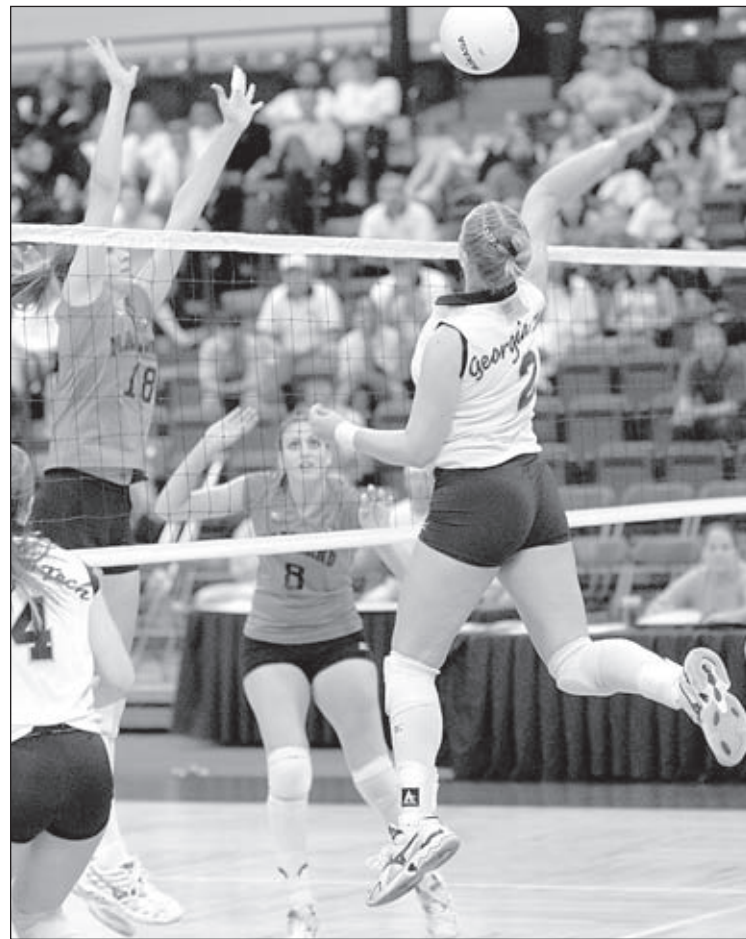
I've been to third world countries with better drainage systems than Georgia Tech!!!

I propose the creation of a clone army to combat the rising threat of the STAC majors

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# Volleyball finishes perfect ACC run



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**With wins over Maryland and Virginia, Tech finished the ACC season undefeated. Lynnette Moster was named conference player of the year on Wednesday, and six Tech players made All-ACC teams.**

**By John Scaduto**  
*Contributing Writer*

It is always difficult to follow up a monumental season with another, but Tech volleyball is poised to do just that. The 2003 squad won a school-record 34 matches, lost only four, won the ACC regular season, advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament (the longest run by any ACC team ever) and posted a program-best four All-Americans. Last year's team also included 2003

ACC Player of the Year and centerpiece of the Tech offense Kele Eveland, who graduated and now plays professionally in Spain.

The expectations were still there, as the Jackets were ranked No. 12 and unanimously chosen to take the conference title, along with three players being placed on the preseason all-conference team.

Starting out the season, Tech faced an extremely rough early schedule. The squad lost five out of the first seven matches, while only

winning four games in those losses, all before conference play began. They were struggling to create the synergy that had taken the program to new heights in the previous season. This was especially true for the offense under new setter, junior Lindsey Laband.

In the Jackets' defense, out of their five losses, three of the opponents are now ranked in the top eight nationally. Since that fifth loss to Ohio State on Sept. 12, the ladies have reeled off 21 straight wins in dominating fashion.

They have even done something that no ACC team can claim since 1997—the team went undefeated in regular season conference play with a 16-0 record. On top of that, they have only dropped four games in that same stretch.

Now they have the chance to do something else the 2003 squad could not, which is take the conference tournament as well as the regular season title.

While Tech has not yet been able to climb back into the rankings, statistically they remain just as prominent.

The team is first in the nation in assists per game at 16.99, second in kills per game at 18.36 and seventh in hit percentage at .299.

Individually the Jackets may be even stronger than in 2003. Returning All-Americans Lynnette Moster and Lauren Sauer are enjoying outstanding seasons, and Marissa Aston is continuing to lead the defensive front while setting an example for the newer players.

Eveland's replacement, Laband, is also fairing pretty well. Laband currently ranks first in the nation in assists per game with an incredible 15.04 mark. She has also taken home two ACC Player of the Week awards with the latest coming this week.

Teammates Moster and Jayme Gergen have also been named player of the week twice each during the year.

Moster was just named the ACC Player of the Year for her efforts, and head coach Bond Shymansky was named ACC Coach of the Year as well.

Much of the success lies with Shymansky. He has turned this program into what it is today, and he continues to push for improvement even when it seems the program is at its highest.

**“The significance of going undefeated through conference play and finishing 16-0 hasn't quite sunken in for our team, yet.”**

**Bond Shymansky**  
Tech head coach

“The significance of going undefeated through conference play and finishing 16-0 hasn't quite sunken in for our team, yet,” Shymansky said as reported by [ramblinwreck.com](http://ramblinwreck.com), “[and it] is great to see that we have younger players coming up in our program to continue the success.”

After taking care of Maryland and Virginia earlier in the week, the Yellow Jackets are now in Charlottesville, Va., chasing the tournament title that eluded them last year.

After the tournament the ladies travel to Athens to face-off with Georgia on Nov. 23 and finish the regular season against Winthrop in Atlanta on Nov. 26, with the NCAA tournament looming in the near future.

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ties as the power play was clicking on both sides.

The Jackets were outshot in the contest 52-38, but a strong performance from Nick Rice in goal held the Ice Dogs at bay.

The team relied on another strong performance from Rice and the defense to carry them their 4-2 victory against Florida State. Rice managed to stop 22 of the 24 shots attempted by the Seminoles.

Don Anthony and Christian Gattung assisted on Fernandes's goal to give the Jackets an early first period goal. The 1-0 lead held up for the Jackets until Florida State tied it up in the waning moments of the second period to tie the game up at one goal apiece going into the decisive third period.

The team came out fast and furiously for the start of the third period. Drew Baker and O'Connor assisted on a Zauch goal, which was followed up by a Jonathan Rosenfield goal on an assist by Stapleton to give the Jackets some breathing room at 3-1.

The Seminoles closed the gap to 3-2 with an even strength goal with about nine minutes to go, but that would be as close as they would get.

With five minutes to go in the game, Stapleton scored his second goal of the game with an assist from Anthony on the power play to solidify the fourth consecutive win for the Jackets.

The Jackets will be in Orlando this weekend at the University of Central Florida's Hockey Tournament. The Jackets will be playing the Citadel on Friday night.

Saturday afternoon they will play Central Florida and Sunday morning they will compete against Florida Atlantic.

The Jackets wrap up their play for the fall semester on Dec. 3 at Kennesaw State University.

**sliver**

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So the country has decided on a “bad” president. Get over it. We've had bad ones before...we're still alive....some of us, anyways yeah, but whatever happened to the DuFresnes? No one seems to give... Who can eat at a time like this? Mitch, do you want an apple? No, eventually it will be a core!





# GEORGIA TECH (6-3) VS. VIRGINIA (7-2)

By Geoff Davies

## Four Key Questions

Coming off a resounding victory over the Connecticut Huskies, Tech is looking to continue the hot streak that has seen them win four of their last five games.

The defense continued to play well last week, giving up only one touchdown to the Huskies. In the game, the Jackets also got a stellar performance from sophomore quarterback Reggie Ball.

Tech has split its last eight games against Virginia, with all of the wins coming at home.

“[The Cavaliers] can run the football and stop the run. They do a good job overall...If you look at the statistics, they do a lot of things very, very well.”

**Chan Gailey**  
Tech head coach



Virginia is coming off a demoralizing defeat at the hands of Miami, 31-21. The defeat gives the Cavaliers two conference losses, both to traditional powerhouses in Florida State and Miami. They will be looking to rebound when they visit Atlanta on Saturday.

The Cavaliers' leader is junior quarterback Marcus Hagens, who leads the ACC in passing efficiency. To go along with him, they have a two-pronged running attack that leads the conference in rushing.

“As I’ve said repeatedly, if you’re in a conference, you’re in it for one purpose: to try and win the championship. Otherwise, you might as well be independent.”

**Al Groh**  
Virginia head coach



• Will Tech QB Reggie Ball be able to duplicate his career performance from the Connecticut game against a tough Virginia defense?

Last week Ball probably had the best game of his college career, completing 22 of 38 passes for a career high 288 yards and 2 touchdowns. He also threw no interceptions for only the second time in a game all season.

Ball will have to be prepared this week because he will be playing against a team that is No. 11 in the nation in total defense. Despite the questionable status of star tailback P.J. Daniels, he should get some help from the running game, but Ball still can't afford to make too many mistakes.

• How will the senior day festivities affect Tech?

The atmosphere should be electric inside Bobby Dodd Stadium for the start of the game on Saturday. Some of Tech's most important leaders will be playing their last home game.

The only senior starting for the defense will be free safety and unquestioned leader of the defense, James Butler. On offense senior starters include wide receivers Nate Curry and Levon Thomas and a trio of offensive lineman, Andy Tidwell-Neal, Kyle Wallace and Leon Robinson.

All of the seniors should get a rousing ovation from the crowd. This initial excitement may help the Tech team to gain momentum early. That could prove to be important against the No. 18 Cavaliers.

• Can the Tech defense continue to play well against the vaunted Virginia running attack?

The Tech defense has been stifling in the last two games. They are ranked just behind Virginia at No. 12 in the nation in total defense. Last week the defensive unit gave up only 20 rushing yards to Connecticut.

Virginia's attack is led by two very good running backs, Wally Lundy and Alvin Pearman. Each has over 700 yards rushing on the season and they have combined for 22 rushing touchdowns.

• How will Virginia rebound from last week's loss to Miami?

This Virginia football team may be somewhat discouraged. Before last week's game they still had a very good chance of going to a BCS bowl. Although Virginia still has the opportunity to tie for the conference title if they win out, Miami and Florida State both hold tiebreakers over the Cavaliers due to their head-to-head victories. They still have something to play for, but this kind of letdown could give rise to complacency.

In addition, Virginia has a game against rival Virginia Tech next week. Deemed more difficult than the game against the Jackets, the Hokies could be on Virginia's mind instead of Tech.

## Spread: Virginia by 5

### sliver

Okay... I don't want to be like every girl and say guys here suck and what not but I do want to know is it too much to ask to hold doors open and wait for the girl standing next to you to get off the westside guy with the beard is HOT... oh shoot girl! WALMART IS TAKING OVER THE WORLD....

# Basketball wins big in final exhibition contest

By Vishal Patel  
Contributing Writer

Tech wasted little time in taking over the game on Sunday against LeMoyne College from Syracuse, N.Y. The first eight minutes of the game saw Tech roaring on both sides of the court, forcing eight turnovers, blocking two of LeMoyne's shots on the defensive end and exciting the crowd with back-to-back Isma'il Muhammad dunks while coasting to a 23-8 lead.

**"We're trying not to keep them out on the court for a long period of time, stay away from long practices."**

**Paul Hewitt**  
Tech head coach

The Jackets never looked back as all eleven players saw at least ten minutes of playing time in the 103-66 victory.

"We're looking forward to getting started Friday," said Coach Paul Hewitt according to [ramblinwreck.com](http://ramblinwreck.com). "I think we definitely are [ready]. One of the things I have tried to do this preseason is not run their legs off, keep them fresher. We're trying not to keep them out on the court for a long period of time, stay away from the long practices."

Moving the ball around effectively, balanced scoring and pressure



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The preseason has allowed Jackets fans to see the entire team in action. Eleven different players received over 10 minutes of playing time as Tech defeated LeMoyne 103-66 on Sunday afternoon.

defense were the key factors to victory Sunday. The team recorded preseason highs with 29 assists, 103 points, and 27 forced turnovers.

As the team exits the preseason and enters the regular season starting today at 5:30 p.m. at Alexander Memorial Coliseum, the roles of players on the team are becoming more defined.

Both nursing injuries over the summer, guard B.J. Elder and Muhammad came into the preseason looking to improve the one thing

they could not work on over the summer—a better feel for the game. Elder showed that his ability to score has not gone away, averaging 20.5 points per game.

"It was a long, long time. I started to doubt it, but right now it's feeling great," Elder said in reference to his injury.

Elder has taken on a leadership role with the team. "He knows it's his last go. He's putting everything out there on the floor. Where you really make your mark is senior leadership,

and he's stepping up," said junior point guard Jarrett Jack.

"What you're seeing is a guy that's a big-time scorer entering his senior year. Those guys tend to really step it up another level. He understands better how to get shots, how to create shots," Hewitt said about Elder in the post-game press conference.

Another development of the preseason has been the rise of forward Theodis Tarver, recruited with Jack and forward Chris Bosh in the 2002 class. Tarver has scored 14 points and

added seven boards in two preseason games, shooting six-for-eight from the floor.

Forward Anthony McHenry, recruited to play point guard, showed off a combination of post and passing skills as he posted 11 points and seven assists.

To start the regular season, Tech will begin with an extremely difficult non-conference slate. After tonight's game against Alabama St., a participant in last year's NCAA Tournament, Tech will go on the

**"[Elder]'s putting everything out there on the floor. Where you really make your mark is senior leadership."**

**Jarrett Jack**  
Junior point guard

road to face Illinois-Chicago in the hometown of guard Will Bynum.

An interesting note about the Alabama St. game is that the Hornets' roster includes freshman Joel Bosh, Chris Bosh's younger brother.

Looking ahead, the Jackets will have games against a slew of teams from major conferences including Michigan, Georgia, Gonzaga and Kansas after Thanksgiving. The challenging non-conference schedule, with a multitude of games on the road or at neutral sites, should prepare Tech for the challenging ACC schedule.



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## UNDEFEATED IN THE ACC

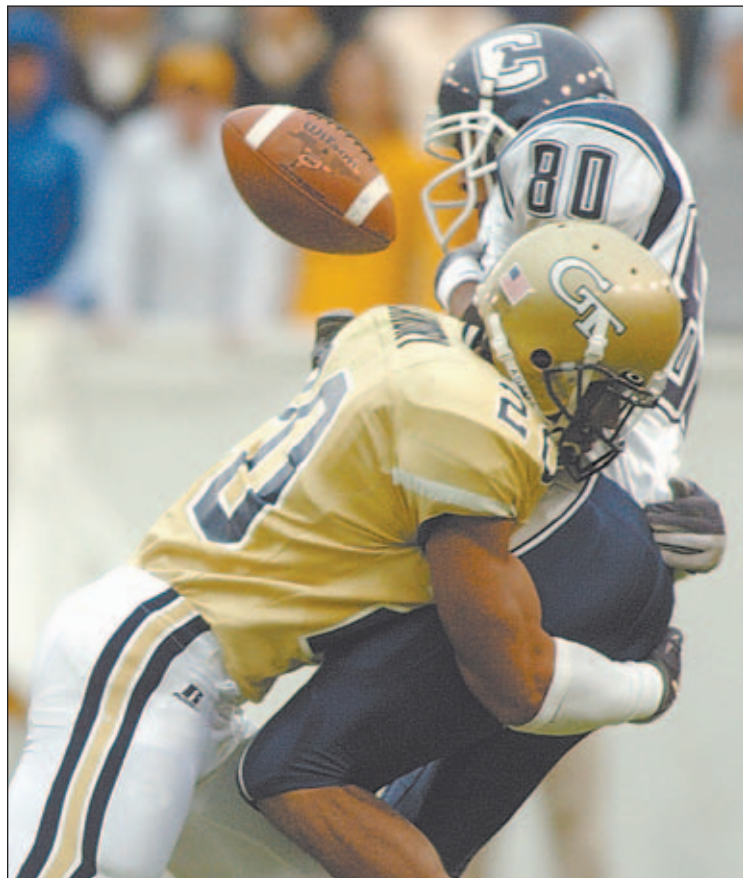
Volleyball finished their conference season with a perfect record, and the team boasts the ACC Player of the Year. **Page 24**

## LEND ME YOUR EARS

The High Museum displays a Van Gogh exhibit that even aesthetically challenged Tech students can appreciate. **Page 15**



## Football tops Connecticut



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Dawan Landry makes a big hit against Connecticut in Tech's 30-10 win over the Huskies on Saturday. Landry had six tackles in the game.

By Patrick Odneal  
Contributing Writer

A solid passing game and a strong defense that produced two blocked punts helped give the Jackets a 30-10 victory over the Connecticut Huskies last Saturday. The Jackets are now bowl-eligible for the eighth year in a row after picking up their sixth win this season.

The Jackets started off quickly. On the first play from scrimmage, quarterback Reggie Ball completed a 45-yard pass to freshman receiver Calvin Johnson. Six plays later, fullback Jimmy Dixon steamed into the endzone on a four-yard shovel pass from Ball.

"We came out with a big play, and we scored on the first drive. It was a big momentum swing for us," Johnson said after the game. The momentum stayed in Tech's favor for the rest of the game, as the team never trailed UConn.

"We just carried over from the second half of [the N.C. State game] and just kept rolling," Ball said. The offense had one of their most productive games of the season and racked up 410 total yards.

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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Falling from the sky: Stephanie England dives against UVA Friday. She finished second in the one-meter and three-meter diving events.

## Sports column

## For Tech fans, victory against UGA means far more than ordinary win

By Clark Nelson  
Staff Writer

Next Saturday Tech will play its final game of the regular season against bitter rival Georgia. To many fans and alumni, this game is the most important of the season. The two teams played for the first time in 1893, a 28-6 Tech win, and have played every year since 1925. The win in 1893 was the first ever for Tech.

Though Tech now plays in the ACC, the Yellow Jackets and Bulldogs squared off many times as conference foes in the SEC. Between the two schools are 18 conference titles and four national championships. Both schools are two of only a handful to play in the Sugar, Cotton, Orange and Rose Bowls.

Tech and UGA have played in a combined 71 bowl games, have a total of 42 victories in those games and hold two of the highest all-time bowl winning percentages. More recently Tech and Georgia have both been bowl-eligible for each of the last eight seasons.

Other than having historically successful football programs, this game is so important because of other similarities between the two. Tech and Georgia fans are neighbors, friends, co-workers, spouses and for a couple of times each year, sworn enemies.

Being in the same state, the two schools compete for a lot of the same high school football recruits each year. Some players decide they like Tech better, some prefer UGA.

Growing up in the state of Georgia, many kids decide early on whom they want to root for. I grew up in Georgia, but never rooted either for Tech or UGA. Once I got on campus, I knew

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Will Jennings  
Tech alumnus

right away how important this rivalry was.

My first taste of the fever-pitched atmosphere of this game was in 1999—a game that turned out to be the highest scoring contest ever between the two teams. After going back and forth all day, Georgia looked as if it would score the winning touchdown as time

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## Hockey skates past Georgia



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A Jacket skater goes after the puck in Tech's contest against Georgia at the Marietta Ice Center. Tech won the game 4-3 against the Ice Dogs on Friday and defeated Florida State 4-2 on Saturday.

By Michael Clarke  
Senior Staff Writer

The Tech Hockey Club won their games this past weekend against Georgia and Florida State. The wins improved the Jackets record to 8-4 overall including four consecutive wins.



In the team's 4-3 win over Georgia on Friday, Head Coach Greg Stathis managed to pick up his

200th career regular season victory in his 14th season at the helm. The 201st career victory came in a 4-2 effort against Florida State Saturday at the Marietta Ice Center.

The Jackets' offensive performance was anchored by their ability to take advantage of three power play opportunities. Mike Zaucha scored the first goal of the game at 14:08 with a slap shot from a Nathan Kirby pass.

As time was winding down in the first period, Brian O'Connor and Zaucha assisted on a B.J. Stapleton goal to give the Jackets a commanding 2-0 lead.

At the start of the second period, Amos Fernandes expanded the lead to 3-0 with an unassisted goal. The

Ice Dogs responded a minute later with a goal to cut the lead to 3-1. The Jackets took that two-goal lead into the third period in front of a packed house at the MIC.

Fernandes scored his second unassisted goal of the contest just 11 seconds into the final period. The goal looked like just some additional padding to the lead, but would wind up being the game-winner.

Georgia made the game closer on paper by scoring two power play goals in the final 10 minutes of the contest.

Out of the seven goals scored in the game, only one goal was not the result of the opposing teams penal-

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